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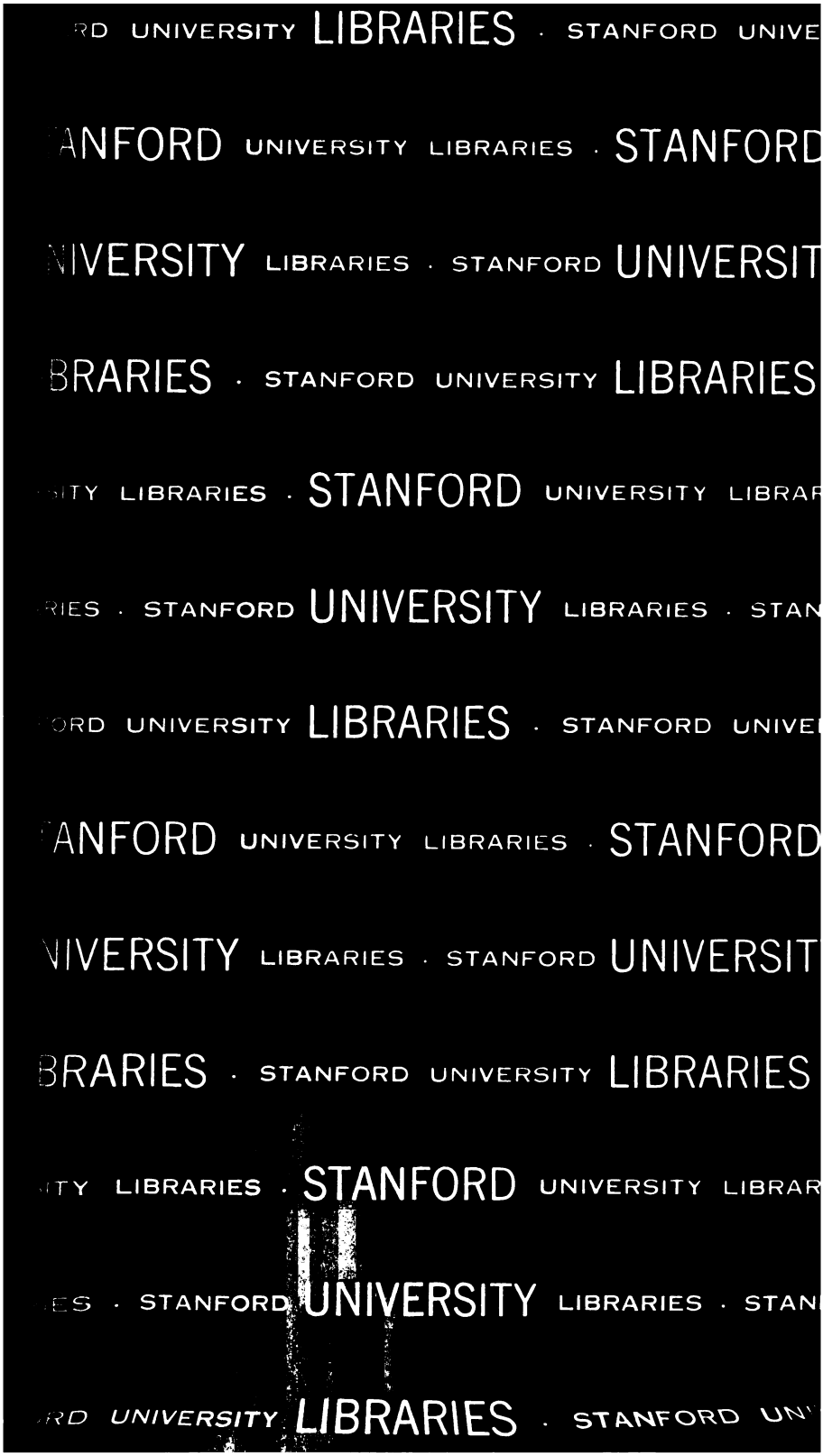
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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

THE SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-NINTH CONGRESS commenced this day, conformably to the Constitution of the United States; and the Senate assembled, at the city of Washington,

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1846.

PRESENT:

From the State of New Hampshire,

The Honorable { Charles G. Atherton, / Joseph Cilley.

From the State of Massachusetts,

The Honorable { John Davis, / Daniel Webster.

From the State of Connecticut,

The Honorable Jabez W. Huntington.

From the State of Vermont,

The Honorable { Samuel S. Phelps, / William Upham.

From the State of New York,

The Honorable { John A. Dix, / Daniel S. Dickinson.

From the State of New Jersey,

The Honorable Jacob W. Miller.

From the State of Pennsylvania,

The Honorable { Simon Cameron, / Daniel Sturgeon.

From the State of Delaware,

The Honorable Thomas Clayton.

From the State of Maryland,

The Honorable { Reverdy Johnson, / James A. Pearce.

From the State of Virginia,

The Honorable { William S. Archer, / Isaac S. Pennybacker.

From the State of North Carolina,

The Honorable Willie P. Mangum.

From the State of South Carolina,

The Honorable John C. Calhoun.

From the State of Georgia,

The Honorable Walter T. Colquitt.

From the State of Kentucky,

The Honorable { John J. Crittenden, / James T. Morehead.

From the State of Tennessee,

The Honorable { Spencer Jarnagin, / Hopkins L. Turney.

From the State of Ohio,

The Honorable { William Allen, / Thomas Corwin.

From the State of Louisiana,

The Honorable { Alexander Barrow, / Henry Johnson.

From the State of Mississippi,

The Honorable Jesse Speight.

From the State of Illinois,

The Honorable { Sidney Breese, / James Semple.

From the State of Alabama,

The Honorable { Arthur P. Bagby, / Dixon H. Lewis.

From the State of Maine,

The Honorable { George Evans, / John Fairfield.

From the State of Missouri,

The Honorable { David R. Atchison, / Thomas H. Benton.

From the State of Arkansas,

The Honorable { Chester Ashley, / Ambrose H. Sevier.

From the State of Michigan,

The Honorable { Lewis Cass, / William Woodbridge.

From the State of Florida.

The Honorable { James D. Westcott, jr. / David Levy Yulee.

The Honorable George M. Dallas, Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate, resumed the chair.

On motion by Mr. Speight,

Ordered, That the Secretary acquaint the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate has assembled, and that the Senate are ready to proceed to business.

Mr. Breese submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, jointly with such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of each house has assembled, and that Congress are ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee be appointed by the Vice President: and Mr. Breese, Mr. Crittenden, and Mr. Fairfield were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Cameron submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That each Senator be supplied during the present session with newspapers as heretofore, not exceeding the cost of three daily papers.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the daily hour of the meeting of the Senate be 12 o'clock, meridian, until otherwise ordered.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: I am directed to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives is assembled, and that the House is ready to proceed to business.

The House of Representatives have passed a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of each house has assembled, and that Congress are ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make; and Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Winthrop have been appointed the committee on their part.

Mr. Breese, from the committee appointed on the part of the Senate, jointly with the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of each house has assembled, and that Congress are ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make, reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and that the President replied that he would to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, make a communication to the two houses of Congress.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 8, 1846.

The honorable John M. Niles, from the State of Connecticut; the honorable William L. Dayton, from the State of New Jersey; and the honorable Joseph W. Chalmers, from the State of Mississippi, severally attended.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Fellow-citizens of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

In resuming your labors in the service of the people, it is a subject of congratulation that there has been no period in our past history, when all the elements of national prosperity have been so fully developed. Since your last session, no afflicting dispensation has visited our country: general good health has prevailed; abundance has crowned the toil of the husbandman; and labor in all its branches is receiving an ample reward, while education, science, and the arts are rapidly enlarging the means of social happiness. The progress of our country in her career of greatness, not only in the vast extension of our territorial limits and the rapid increase of our population, but in resources and wealth, and in the happy condition of our people, is without an example in the history of nations.

As the wisdom, strength, and beneficence of our free institutions are unfolded, every day adds fresh motives to contentment, and fresh incentives to patriotism.

Our devout and sincere acknowledgments are due to the gracious Giver of all good, for the numberless blessings which our beloved country enjoys. It is a source of high satisfaction to know that the relations of the United

States with all other nations, with a single exception, are of the most amicable character. Sincerely attached to the policy of peace, early adopted and steadily pursued by this government, I have anxiously desired to cultivate and cherish friendship and commerce with every foreign Power. The spirit and habits of the American people are favorable to the maintenance of such international harmony. In adhering to this wise policy, a preliminary and paramount duty obviously consists in the protection of our national interests from encroachment or sacrifice, and our national honor from reproach. These must be maintained at any hazard. They admit of no compromise or neglect, and must be scrupulously and constantly guarded. In their vigilant vindication, collision and conflict with foreign Powers may sometimes become unavoidable. Such has been our scrupulous adherence to the dictates of justice, in all our foreign intercourse, that, though steadily and rapidly advancing in prosperity and power, we have given no just cause of complaint to any nation, and have enjoyed the blessings of peace for more than thirty years. From a policy so sacred to humanity, and so salutary in its effects upon our political system, we should never be induced voluntarily to depart.

The existing war with Mexico was neither desired nor provoked by the United States. On the contrary, all honorable means were resorted to to avert it. After years of endurance of aggravated and unredressed wrongs on our part, Mexico, in violation of solemn treaty stipulations, and of every principle of justice recognised by civilized nations, commenced hostilities, and thus, by her own act, forced the war upon us. Long before the advance of our army to the left bank of the Rio Grande, we had ample cause of war against Mexico; and had the United States resorted to this extremity, we might have appealed to the whole civilized world for the justice of our cause.

I deem it to be my duty to present to you, on the present occasion, a condensed review of the injuries we had sustained, of the causes which led to the war, and of its progress since its commencement. This is rendered the more necessary because of the misapprehensions which have to some extent prevailed as to its origin and true character. The war has been represented as unjust and unnecessary, and as one of aggression on our part upon a weak and injured enemy. Such erroneous views, though entertained by but few, have been widely and extensively circulated not only at home, but have been spread throughout Mexico and the whole world. A more effectual means could not have been devised to encourage the enemy and protract the war than to advocate and adhere to their cause, and thus give them "aid and comfort."

It is a source of national pride and exultation, that the great body of our people have thrown no such obstacles in the way of the government in prosecuting the war successfully, but have shown themselves to be eminently patriotic, and ready to vindicate their country's honor and interests at any sacrifice. The alacrity and promptness with which our volunteer forces rushed to the field on their country's call, prove not only their patriotism, but their deep conviction that our cause is just.

The wrongs which we have suffered from Mexico almost ever since she became an independent Power, and the patient endurance with which we have borne them, are without a parallel in the history of modern civilized nations. There is reason to believe that if these wrongs had been resented and resisted *in the first instance*, the present war might have been avoided.

One outrage, however, permitted to pass with impunity, almost necessarily encouraged the perpetration of another, until at last Mexico seemed to attribute to weakness and indecision on our part a forbearance which was the offspring of magnanimity, and of a sincere desire to preserve friendly relations with a sister republic.

Scarcely had Mexico achieved her independence, which the United States were the first among the nations to acknowledge, when she commenced the system of insult and spoliation, which she has ever since pursued. Our citizens engaged in lawful commerce were imprisoned, their vessels seized, and our flag insulted in her ports. If money was wanted, the lawless seizure and confiscation of our merchant vessels and their cargoes was a ready resource; and if to accomplish their purposes it became necessary to imprison the owners, captains, and crews, it was done. Rulers superseded rulers in Mexico in rapid succession, but still there was no change in this system of depredation. The government of the United States made repeated reclamations on behalf of its citizens, but these were answered by the perpetration of new outrages. Promises of redress made by Mexico in the most solemn forms were postponed or evaded. The files and records of the Department of State contain conclusive proofs of numerous lawless acts perpetrated upon the property and persons of our citizens by Mexico, and of wanton insults to our national flag. The interposition of our government to obtain redress was again and again invoked, under circumstances which no nation ought to disregard.

It was hoped that these outrages would cease, and that Mexico would be restrained by the laws which regulate the conduct of civilized nations in their intercourse with each other after the treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation of the fifth of April, 1831, was concluded between the two republics; but this hope soon proved to be vain. The course of seizure and confiscation of the property of our citizens, the violation of their persons and the insults to our flag pursued by Mexico previous to that time, were scarcely suspended for even a brief period, although the treaty so clearly defines the rights and duties of the respective parties that it is impossible to misunderstand or mistake them. In less than seven years after the conclusion of that treaty our grievances had become so intolerable that, in the opinion of President Jackson, they should no longer be endured. In his message to Congress in February, 1837, he presented them to the consideration of that body, and declared that "The length of time since some of the injuries have been committed, the repeated and unavailing applications for redress, the wanton character of some of the outrages upon the property and persons of our citizens, upon the officers and flag of the United States, independent of recent insults to this government and people by the late extraordinary Mexican minister, would justify in the eyes of all nations immediate war." In a spirit of kindness and forbearance, however, he recommended reprisals as a milder mode of redress. He declared that war should not be used as a remedy "by just and generous nations, confiding in their strength, for injuries committed, if it can be honorably avoided," and added, "it has occurred to me that, considering the present embarrassed condition of that country, we should act with both wisdom and moderation, by giving to Mexico one more opportunity to atone for the past, before we take redress into our own hands. To avoid all misconception on the part of Mexico, as well as to protect our own national character from reproach, this opportunity should be given with the

avowed design and full preparation to take immediate satisfaction, if it should not be obtained on a repetition of the demand for it. To this end I recommend that an act be passed authorizing reprisals, and the use of the naval force of the United States, by the Executive, against Mexico, to enforce them in the event of a refusal by the Mexican government to come to an amicable adjustment of the matters in controversy between us, upon another demand thereof, made from on board one of our vessels of war on the coast of Mexico."

Committees of both houses of Congress, to which this message of the President was referred, fully sustained his views of the character of the wrongs which we had suffered from Mexico, and recommended that another demand for redress should be made before authorizing war or reprisals. The Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, in their report, say: "After such a demand, should prompt justice be refused by the Mexican government, we may appeal to all nations not only for the equity and moderation with which we shall have acted towards a sister republic, but for the necessity which will then compel us to seek redress for our wrongs, either by actual war or by reprisals. The subject will then be presented before Congress, at the commencement of the next session, in a clear and distinct form, and the committee cannot doubt but that such measures will be immediately adopted as may be necessary to vindicate the honor of the country, and insure ample reparation to our injured citizens."

The Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives made a similar recommendation. In their report, they say that they "fully concur with the President that ample cause exists for taking redress into our own hands, and believe that we should be justified in the opinion of other nations for taking such a step. But they are willing to try the experiment of another demand, made in the most solemn form, upon the justice of the Mexican government, before any further proceedings are adopted."

No difference of opinion upon the subject is believed to have existed in Congress at that time; the Executive and Legislative departments concurred; and yet such has been our forbearance, and desire to preserve peace with Mexico, that the wrongs of which we then complained, and which gave rise to these solemn proceedings, not only remain unredressed to this day, but additional causes of complaint, of an aggravated character, have ever since been accumulating.

Shortly after these proceedings, a special messenger was despatched to Mexico, to make a final demand for redress; and on the twentieth of July, 1837, the demand was made. The reply of the Mexican government bears date on the twenty-ninth of the same month, and contains assurances of the "anxious wish" of the Mexican government "not to delay the moment of that final and equitable adjustment which is to terminate the existing difficulties between the two governments;" that "nothing should be left undone which may contribute to the most speedy and equitable determination of the subjects which have so seriously engaged the attention of the American government;" that the "Mexican government would adopt, as the only guides for its conduct, the plainest principles of public right, the sacred obligations imposed by international law, and the religious faith of treaties;" and that "whatever reason and justice may dictate respecting each case will be done." The assurance was further given, that the *decision of the* Mexican government upon each cause of

complaint, for which redress had been demanded, should be communicated to the government of the United States by the Mexican minister at Washington.

These solemn assurances, in answer to our demand for redress, were disregarded. By making them, however, Mexico obtained further delay. President Van Buren, in his annual message to Congress of the fifth of December, 1837, states, that "although the larger number" of our demands for redress, and "many of them aggravated cases of personal wrongs, have been now for years before the Mexican government, and some of the causes of national complaint, and those of the most offensive character, admitted of immediate, simple, and satisfactory replies, it is only within a few days past that any specific communication in answer to our last demand, made five months ago, has been received from the Mexican minister;" and that "for not one of our public complaints has satisfaction been given or offered; that but one of the cases of personal wrong has been favorably considered, and that but four cases of both descriptions, out of all those formally presented, and earnestly pressed, have as yet been decided upon by the Mexican government." President Van Buren, believing that it would be vain to make any further attempt to obtain redress by the ordinary means within the power of the Executive, communicated this opinion to Congress, in the message referred to, in which he said, "On a careful and deliberate examination of the contents," (of the correspondence with the Mexican government,) "and considering the spirit manifested by the Mexican government, it has become my painful duty to return the subject as it now stands, to Congress, to whom it belongs, to decide upon the time, the mode, and the measure of redress." Had the United States at that time adopted compulsory measures, and taken redress into their own hands, all our difficulties with Mexico would probably have been long since adjusted, and the existing war have been averted. Magnanimity and moderation on our part only had the effect to complicate these difficulties, and render an amicable settlement of them the more embarrassing. That such measures of redress under similar provocations, committed by any of the powerful nations of Europe, would have been promptly resorted to by the United States, cannot be doubted. The national honor, and the preservation of the national character throughout the world, as well as our own self-respect, and the protection due to our own citizens, would have rendered such a resort indispensable. The history of no civilized nation in modern times has presented within so brief a period so many wanton attacks upon the honor of its flag, and upon the property and persons of its citizens, as had at that time been borne by the United States from the Mexican authorities and people. But Mexico was a sister republic, on the North American continent, occupying a territory contiguous to our own, and was in a feeble and distracted condition; and these considerations, it is presumed, induced Congress to forbear still longer.

Instead of taking redress into our own hands, a new negotiation was entered upon with fair promises on the part of Mexico, but with the real purpose, as the event has proved, of indefinitely postponing the reparation which we demanded, and which was so justly due. This negotiation, after more than a year's delay, resulted in the convention of the eleventh *of April, 1839,* "for the adjustment of claims of citizens of the United *States of America upon the* government of the Mexican republic." The

joint board of commissioners created by this convention to examine and decide upon these claims was not organized until the month of August, 1840, and under the terms of the convention they were to terminate their duties within eighteen months from that time. Four of the eighteen months were consumed in preliminary discussions on frivolous and dilatory points raised by the Mexican commissioners; and it was not until the month of December, 1840, that they commenced the examination of the claims of our citizens upon Mexico. Fourteen months only remained to examine and decide upon these numerous and complicated cases. In the month of February, 1842, the term of the commission expired, leaving many claims undisposed of for want of time. The claims which were allowed by the board, and by the umpire authorized by the convention to decide in case of disagreement between the Mexican and American commissioners, amounted to two million twenty-six thousand one hundred and thirty-nine dollars and sixty-eight cents. There were pending before the umpire when the commission expired additional claims which had been examined and awarded by the American commissioners, and had not been allowed by the Mexican commissioners, amounting to nine hundred and twenty-eight thousand six hundred and twenty-seven dollars and eighty-eight cents, upon which he did not decide, alleging that his authority had ceased with the termination of the joint commission. Besides these claims, there were others of American citizens amounting to three million three hundred and thirty-six thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven dollars and five cents, which had been submitted to the board, and upon which they had not time to decide before their final adjournment.

The sum of two million twenty-six thousand one hundred and thirty-nine dollars and sixty-eight cents, which had been awarded to the claimants, was a liquidated and ascertained debt due by Mexico, about which there could be no dispute, and which she was bound to pay according to the terms of the convention. Soon after the final awards for this amount had been made, the Mexican government asked for a postponement of the time of making payment, alleging that it would be inconvenient to make the payment at the time stipulated. In the spirit of forbearing kindness towards a sister republic, which Mexico has so long abused, the United States promptly complied with her request. A second convention was accordingly concluded between the two governments on the thirtieth of January, 1843, which upon its face declares, that "this new arrangement is entered into for the accommodation of Mexico." By the terms of this convention, all the interest due on the awards which had been made in favor of the claimants under the convention of the eleventh of April, 1839, was to be paid to them on the thirtieth of April, 1843, and "the principal of the said awards, and the interest accruing thereon," was stipulated to "be paid in five years, in equal instalments every three months." Notwithstanding this new convention was entered into at the request of Mexico, and for the purpose of relieving her from embarrassment, the claimants have only received the interest due on the thirtieth of April, 1843, and three of the twenty instalments. Although the payment of the sum thus liquidated, and confessedly due by Mexico to our citizens as indemnity for acknowledged acts of outrage and wrong, was secured by treaty, the obligations of which are ever held sacred by all just nations, yet Mexico has violated this solemn engagement by failing and refusing to make the payment. *The two instalments* due in April and July, 1844, under the pecu-

liar circumstances connected with them, have been assumed by the United States and discharged to the claimants, but they are still due by Mexico. But this is not all of which we have just cause of complaint. To provide a remedy for the claimants whose cases were not decided by the joint commission under the convention of April the eleventh, 1839, it was expressly stipulated by the sixth article of the convention of the thirtieth of January, 1843, that "a new convention shall be entered into for the settlement of all claims of the government and citizens of the United States against the republic of Mexico which were not finally decided by the late commission, which met in the city of Washington, and of all claims of the government and citizens of Mexico against the United States."

In conformity with this stipulation, a third convention was concluded and signed at the city of Mexico on the twentieth of November, 1843, by the plenipotentiaries of the two governments, by which provision was made for ascertaining and paying these claims. In January, 1844, this convention was ratified by the Senate of the United States with two amendments, which were manifestly reasonable in their character. Upon a reference of the amendments proposed to the government of Mexico, the same evasions, difficulties, and delays were interposed which have so long marked the policy of that government towards the United States. It has not even yet decided whether it would or would not accede to them, although the subject has been repeatedly pressed upon its consideration.

Mexico has thus violated a second time the faith of treaties, by failing or refusing to carry into effect the sixth article of the convention of January, 1843.

Such is the history of the wrongs which we have suffered and patiently endured from Mexico through a long series of years. So far from affording reasonable satisfaction for the injuries and insults we had borne, a great aggravation of them consists in the fact, that while the United States, anxious to preserve a good understanding with Mexico, have been constantly, but vainly, employed in seeking redress for past wrongs, new outrages were constantly occurring, which have continued to increase our causes of complaint and to swell the amount of our demands. While the citizens of the United States were conducting a lawful commerce with Mexico under the guaranty of a treaty of "amity, commerce, and navigation," many of them have suffered all the injuries which would have resulted from open war. This treaty, instead of affording protection to our citizens, has been the means of inviting them into the ports of Mexico, that they might be, as they have been in numerous instances, plundered of their property and deprived of their personal liberty if they dared insist on their rights. Had the unlawful seizures of American property, and the violation of the personal liberty of our citizens, to say nothing of the insults to our flag which have occurred in the ports of Mexico, taken place on the high seas, they would themselves long since have constituted a state of actual war between the two countries. In so long suffering Mexico to violate her most solemn treaty obligations, plunder our citizens of their property, and imprison their persons without affording them any redress, we have failed to perform one of the first and highest duties which every government owes to its citizens; and the consequence has been, that many of them have been reduced from a state of affluence to bankruptcy. The *proud name of* American citizen, which ought to protect all who bear it *from insult and injury* throughout the world, has afforded no such protec-

tion to our citizens in Mexico. We had ample cause of war against Mexico long before the breaking out of hostilities. But even then we forbore to take redress into our own hands, until Mexico herself became the aggressor by invading our soil in hostile array and shedding the blood of our citizens.

Such are the grave causes of complaint on the part of the United States against Mexico—causes which existed long before the annexation of Texas to the American Union; and yet, animated by the love of peace, and a magnanimous moderation, we did not adopt those measures of redress which, under such circumstances, are the justified resort of injured nations.

The annexation of Texas to the United States constituted no just cause of offence to Mexico. The pretext that it did so is wholly inconsistent, and irreconcilable with well authenticated facts connected with the revolution by which Texas became independent of Mexico. That this may be the more manifest, it may be proper to advert to the causes and to the history of the principal events of that revolution.

Texas constituted a portion of the ancient province of Louisiana, ceded to the United States by France in the year 1803. In the year 1819, the United States, by the Florida treaty, ceded to Spain all that part of Louisiana within the present limits of Texas; and Mexico, by the revolution which separated her from Spain, and rendered her an independent nation, succeeded to the rights of the mother country over this territory. In the year 1824, Mexico established a federal constitution, under which the Mexican republic was composed of a number of sovereign States, confederated together in a federal Union similar to our own. Each of these States had its own Executive, legislature, and judiciary, and, for all except federal purposes, was as independent of the general government, and that of the other States, as is Pennsylvania or Virginia under our constitution. Texas and Coahuila united and formed one of these Mexican States. The State constitution which they adopted, and which was approved by the Mexican confederacy, asserted that they were "free and independent of the other Mexican United States, and of every other power and dominion whatsoever;" and proclaimed the great principle of human liberty, that "the sovereignty of the State resides originally and essentially in the general mass of the individuals who compose it." To the government under this constitution, as well as to that under the federal constitution, the people of Texas owed allegiance.

Emigrants from foreign countries, including the United States, were invited by the colonization laws of the State and of the federal government to settle in Texas. Advantageous terms were offered to induce them to leave their own country and become Mexican citizens. This invitation was accepted by many of our citizens, in the full faith that in their new home they would be governed by laws enacted by representatives elected by themselves, and that their lives, liberty, and property would be protected by constitutional guarantees similar to those which existed in the republic they had left. Under a government thus organized they continued until the year 1835, when a military revolution broke out in the city of Mexico, which entirely subverted the federal and State constitutions, and placed a military dictator at the head of the government.

By a sweeping decree of a Congress subservient to the will of the dictator, the several State constitutions were abolished, and the States themselves converted into mere departments of the Central Government. The people

of Texas were unwilling to submit to this usurpation. Resistance to such tyranny became a high duty. Texas was fully absolved from all allegiance to the Central Government of Mexico from the moment that government had abolished her State constitution, and in its place substituted an arbitrary and despotic Central Government.

Such were the principal causes of the Texan revolution. The people of Texas at once determined upon resistance, and flew to arms. In the midst of these important and exciting events, hovever, they did not omit to place their liberties upon a secure and permanent foundation. They elected members to a convention, who, in the month of March, 1836, issued a formal declaration that their "political connexion with the Mexican nation has forever ended, and that the people of Texas do now constitute a FREE, SOVEREIGN, and INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC, and are fully invested with all the rights and attributes which properly belong to independent nations." They also adopted for their government a liberal republican constitution. About the same time, Santa Anna, then the dictator of Mexico, invaded Texas with a numerous army for the purpose of subduing her people, and enforcing obedience to his arbitrary and despotic government. On the twenty-first of April, 1836, he was met by the Texan citizen-soldiers, and on that day was achieved by them the memorable victory of San Jacinto, by which they conquered their independence. Considering the numbers engaged on the respective sides, history does not record a more brilliant achievement. Santa Anna himself was among the captives.

In the month of May, 1836, Santa Anna acknowledged, by a treaty with the Texan authorities, in the most solemn form, "the full, entire, and perfect independence of the republic of Texas." It is true he was then a prisoner of war, but it is equally true that he had failed to reconquer Texas, and had met with signal defeat; that his authority had not been revoked, and that by virtue of this treaty he obtained his personal release. By it hostilities were suspended, and the army which had invaded Texas under his command returned in pursuance of this arrangement, unmolested, to Mexico.

From the day that the battle of San Jacinto was fought until the present hour, Mexico has never possessed the power to reconquer Texas. In the language of the Secretary of State of the United States, in a despatch to our minister in Mexico, under date of the eighth of July, 1842, "Mexico may have chosen to consider, and may still choose to consider Texas as having been at all times since 1835, and as still continuing, a rebellious province; but the world has been obliged to take a very different view of the matter. From the time of the battle of San Jacinto, in April, 1836, to the present moment, Texas has exhibited the same external signs of national independence as Mexico herself, and with quite as much stability of government. Practically free and independent, acknowledged as a political sovereignty by the principal Powers of the world, no hostile foot finding rest within her territory for six or seven years, and Mexico herself refraining for all that period from any further attempt to re-establish her own authority over that territory, it cannot but be surprising to find Mr. de Bocanegra" (the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico) "complaining that for that whole period citizens of the United States, or its government, have been favoring the rebels of Texas, and supplying them with vessels, ammunition, and money, as if the war for the reduction of the province of

Texas had been constantly prosecuted by Mexico, and her success prevented by these influences from abroad." In the same despatch the Secretary of State affirms, that "since 1837 the United States have regarded Texas as an independent sovereignty, as much as Mexico; and that trade and commerce with citizens of a government at war with Mexico cannot, on that account, be regarded as an intercourse by which assistance and succor are given to Mexican rebels. The whole current of Mr. de Bocanegra's remarks runs in the same direction, as if the independence of Texas had not been acknowledged. It has been acknowledged—it was acknowledged in 1837, against the remonstrance and protest of Mexico; and most of the acts of any importance, of which Mr. de Bocanegra complains, flow necessarily from that recognition. He speaks of Texas as still being 'an integral part of the territory of the Mexican republic,' but he cannot but understand that the United States do not so regard it. The real complaint of Mexico, therefore, is, in substance, neither more nor less than a complaint against the recognition of Texan independence. It may be thought rather late to repeat that complaint, and not quite just to confine it to the United States, to the exemption of England, France, and Belgium, unless the United States, having been the first to acknowledge the independence of Mexico herself, are to be blamed for setting an example for the recognition of that of Texas." And he added, that "the constitution, public treaties, and the laws oblige the President to regard Texas as an independent State, and its territory as no part of the territory of Mexico." Texas had been an independent State, with an organized government, defying the power of Mexico to overthrow or reconquer her, for more than ten years before Mexico commenced the present war against the United States. Texas had given such evidence to the world of her ability to maintain her separate existence as an independent nation, that she had been formally recognised as such, not only by the United States, but by several of the principal Powers of Europe. These Powers had entered into treaties of amity, commerce, and navigation with her. They had received and accredited her ministers and other diplomatic agents at their respective courts, and they had commissioned ministers and diplomatic agents on their part to the government of Texas. If Mexico, notwithstanding all this, and her utter inability to subdue or reconquer Texas, still stubbornly refused to recognise her as an independent nation, she was none the less so on that account. Mexico herself had been recognised as an independent nation by the United States, and by other Powers, many years before Spain, of which, before her revolution, she had been a colony, would agree to recognise her as such; and yet Mexico was at that time, in the estimation of the civilized world, and in fact, none the less an independent Power because Spain still claimed her as a colony. If Spain had continued until the present period to assert that Mexico was one of her colonies, in rebellion against her, this would not have made her so, or changed the fact of her independent existence. Texas, at the period of her annexation to the United States, bore the same relation to Mexico that Mexico had borne to Spain for many years before Spain acknowledged her independence, with this important difference—that, before the annexation of Texas to the United States was consummated, Mexico herself, by a formal act of her government, had acknowledged the independence of Texas as a nation. It is true, that in the act of recognition she prescribed a condition, which she had no power or authority to impose, that Texas

should not annex herself to any other Power; but this could not detract in any degree from the recognition which Mexico then made of her actual independence. Upon this plain statement of facts, it is absurd for Mexico to allege, as a pretext for commencing hostilities against the United States, that Texas is still a part of her territory.

But there are those who, conceding all this to be true, assume the ground that the true western boundary of Texas is the Nueces, instead of the Rio Grande; and that, therefore, in marching our army to the east bank of the latter river, we passed the Texan line, and invaded the territory of Mexico. A simple statement of facts, known to exist, will conclusively refute such an assumption. Texas, as ceded to the United States by France in 1803, has been always claimed as extending west to the Rio Grande, or Rio Bravo. This fact is established by the authority of our most eminent statesmen at a period when the question was as well if not better understood than it is at present. During Mr. Jefferson's administration, Messrs. Monroe and Pinckney, who had been sent on a special mission to Madrid, charged, among other things, with the adjustment of boundary between the two countries, in a note addressed to the Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs, under date of the twenty eighth of January, 1805, assert that the boundaries of Louisiana, as ceded to the United States by France, "are the river Perdido on the east, and the river Bravo on the west;" and they add, that "the facts and principles which justify this conclusion are so satisfactory to our government as to convince it that the United States have not a better right to the island of New Orleans, under the cession referred to, than they have to the whole district of territory which is above described."

Down to the conclusion of the Florida treaty, in February, 1819, by which this territory was ceded to Spain, the United States asserted and maintained their territorial rights to this extent. In the month of June, 1818, during Mr. Monroe's administration, information having been received that a number of foreign adventurers had landed at Galveston, with the avowed purpose of forming a settlement in that vicinity, a special messenger was despatched by the government of the United States, with instructions from the Secretary of State to warn them to desist, should they be found there "or any other place north of the Rio Bravo, and within the territory claimed by the United States." He was instructed, should they be found in the country north of that river, to make known to them "the surprise with which the President has seen possession thus taken, without authority from the United States, of a place within their territorial limits, and upon which no lawful settlement can be made without their sanction." He was instructed to call upon them to "avow under what national authority they profess to act," and to give them due warning "that the place is within the United States, who will suffer no permanent settlement to be made there, under any authority other than their own." As late as the eighth of July, 1842, the Secretary of State of the United States, in a note addressed to our minister in Mexico, maintains that, by the Florida treaty of 1819, the territory as far west as the Rio Grande was confirmed to Spain. In that note he states that, "by the treaty of the twenty-second of February, 1819, between the United States and Spain, the Sabine was adopted as the line of boundary between the two Powers. Up to that period, no considerable colonization had been effected in Texas; but the territory between the Sabine and the Rio Grande being confirmed

to Spain by the treaty, applications were made to that Power for grants of land; and such grants, or permissions of settlement, were in fact made by the Spanish authorities in favor of citizens of the United States proposing to emigrate to TEXAS in numerous families, before the declaration of independence by Mexico."

The Texas which was ceded to Spain by the Florida treaty of 1819 embraced all the country now claimed by the State of Texas between the Nueces and the Rio Grande. The republic of Texas always claimed this river as her western boundary, and in her treaty made with Santa Anna in May, 1836, he recognised it as such. By the constitution which Texas adopted in March, 1836, senatorial and representative districts were organized extending west of the Nueces. The Congress of Texas, on the nineteenth of December, 1836, passed "An act to define the boundaries of the republic of Texas," in which they declared the Rio Grande from its mouth to its source to be their boundary, and by the said act they extended their "civil and political jurisdiction" over the country up to that boundary. During a period of more than nine years, which intervened between the adoption of her constitution and her annexation as one of the States of our Union, Texas asserted and exercised many acts of sovereignty and jurisdiction over the territory and inhabitants west of the Nueces. She organized and defined the limits of counties extending to the Rio Grande. She established courts of justice and extended her judicial system over the territory. She established a custom-house, and collected duties, and also post offices and post roads, in it. She established a land office, and issued numerous grants for land, within its limits. A Senator and a Representative residing in it were elected to the Congress of the republic, and served as such before the act of annexation took place. In both the Congress and Convention of Texas, which gave their assent to the terms of annexation to the United States, proposed by our Congress, were representatives residing west of the Nueces, who took part in the act of annexation itself. This was the Texas which, by the act of our Congress of the twenty-ninth of December, 1845, was admitted as one of the States of our Union. That the Congress of the United States understood the State of Texas which they admitted into the Union to extend beyond the Nueces is apparent from the fact, that on the thirty-first of December, 1845, only two days after the act of admission, they passed a law "to establish a collection district in the State of Texas," by which they created a port of delivery at Corpus Christi, situated west of the Nueces, and being the same point at which the Texas custom-house, under the laws of that republic, had been located, and directed that a surveyor to collect the revenue should be appointed for that port by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. A surveyor was accordingly nominated, and confirmed by the Senate, and has been ever since in the performance of his duties. All these acts of the republic of Texas, and of our Congress, preceded the orders for the advance of our army to the east bank of the Rio Grande. Subsequently, Congress passed an act "establishing certain post routes," extending west of the Nueces. The country west of that river now constitutes a part of one of the Congressional districts of Texas, and is represented in the House of Representatives. The Senators from that State were chosen by a legislature in which the country west of that river was represented. In view of all these facts, it is difficult to conceive upon what ground it can be maintained that, in occupying the country

west of the Nueces with our army, with a view solely to its security and defence, we invaded the territory of Mexico. But it would have been still more difficult to justify the Executive, whose duty it is to see that the laws be faithfully executed, if in the face of all these proceedings, both of the Congress of Texas and of the United States, he had assumed the responsibility of yielding up the territory west of the Nueces to Mexico, or of refusing to protect and defend this territory and its inhabitants, including Corpus Christi, as well as the remainder of Texas, against the threatened Mexican invasion.

But Mexico herself has never placed the war which she has waged upon the ground that our army occupied the intermediate territory between the Nueces and the Rio Grande. Her refuted pretension that Texas was not in fact an independent State, but a rebellious province, was obstinately persevered in; and her avowed purpose in commencing a war with the United States was to reconquer Texas, and to restore Mexican authority over the whole territory—not to the Nueces only, but to the Sabine. In view of the proclaimed menaces of Mexico to this effect, I deemed it my duty, as a measure of precaution and defence, to order our army to occupy a position on our frontier as a military post, from which our troops could best resist and repel any attempted invasion which Mexico might make.

Our army had occupied a position at Corpus Christi, west of the Nueces, as early as August, 1845, without complaint from any quarter. Had the Nueces been regarded as the true western boundary of Texas, that boundary had been passed by our army many months before it advanced to the eastern bank of the Rio Grande. In my annual message of December last I informed Congress, that upon the invitation of both the Congress and Convention of Texas, I had deemed it proper to order a strong squadron to the coasts of Mexico, and to concentrate an efficient military force on the western frontier of Texas, to protect and defend the inhabitants against the menaced invasion of Mexico. In that message I informed Congress that the moment the terms of annexation offered by the United States were accepted by Texas, the latter became so far a part of our own country as to make it our duty to afford such protection and defence; and that for that purpose our squadron had been ordered to the Gulf, and our army to "take a position between the Nueces and the Del Norte," or Rio Grande, and "to repel any invasion of the Texan territory which might be attempted by the Mexican forces."

It was deemed proper to issue this order, because, soon after the President of Texas, in April, 1845, had issued his proclamation convening the Congress of that republic, for the purpose of submitting to that body the terms of annexation proposed by the United States, the government of Mexico made serious threats of invading the Texan territory. These threats became more imposing as it became more apparent, in the progress of the question, that the people of Texas would decide in favor of accepting the terms of annexation; and, finally, they had assumed such a formidable character as induced both the Congress and Convention of Texas to request that a military force should be sent by the United States into her territory for the purpose of protecting and defending her against the threatened invasion. It would have been a violation of good faith towards the people of Texas to have refused to afford the aid which they desired against a threatened invasion, to which they had been exposed by their

free determination to annex themselves to our Union, in compliance with the overture made to them by the joint resolution of our Congress.

Accordingly, a portion of the army was ordered to advance into Texas. Corpus Christi was the position selected by General Taylor. He encamped at that place in August, 1845, and the army remained in that position until the eleventh of March, 1846, when it moved westward, and on the twenty-eighth of that month reached the east bank of the Rio Grande, opposite to Matamoras. This movement was made in pursuance of orders from the War Department, issued on the thirteenth of January, 1846. Before these orders were issued, the despatch of our minister in Mexico, transmitting the decision of the Council of Government of Mexico, advising that he should not be received, and also the despatch of our consul residing in the city of Mexico—the former bearing date on the seventeenth, and the latter on the eighteenth of December, 1845, copies of both of which accompanied my message to Congress of the eleventh of May last—were received at the Department of State. These communications rendered it highly probable, if not absolutely certain, that our minister would not be received by the government of General Herrera. It was also well known that but little hope could be entertained of a different result from General Paredes in case the revolutionary movement which he was prosecuting should prove successful, as was highly probable. The partisans of Paredes, as our minister, in the despatch referred to, states, breathed the fiercest hostility against the United States, denounced the proposed negotiation as treason, and openly called upon the troops and the people to put down the government of Herrera by force. The reconquest of Texas, and war with the United States, were openly threatened. These were the circumstances existing, when it was deemed proper to order the army under the command of General Taylor to advance to the western frontier of Texas, and occupy a position on or near the Rio Grande.

The apprehensions of a contemplated Mexican invasion have been since fully justified by the event. The determination of Mexico to rush into hostilities with the United States was afterwards manifested from the whole tenor of the note of the Mexican Minister of Foreign Affairs to our minister, bearing date on the twelfth of March, 1846. Paredes had then revolutionized the government, and his minister, after referring to the resolution for the annexation of Texas, which had been adopted by our Congress in March, 1845, proceeds to declare that "a fact such as this, or, to speak with greater exactness, so notable an act of usurpation, created an imperious necessity that Mexico, for her own honor, should repel it with proper firmness and dignity. The Supreme Government had beforehand declared that it would look upon such an act as a *casus belli;* and, as a consequence of this declaration, negotiation was, by its very nature, at an end, and war was the only recourse of the Mexican government."

It appears, also, that on the fourth of April following, General Paredes, through his minister of war, issued orders to the Mexican general in command on the Texan frontier to "attack" our army "by every means which war permits." To this General Paredes had been pledged to the army and people of Mexico during the military revolution which had brought him into power. On the eighteenth of April, 1846, General Paredes addressed a letter to the commander on that frontier, in which he stated to him, "At the present date I suppose you at the head of that valiant army, either fighting already, or preparing for the operations of a cam-

paign;" and "supposing you already on the theatre of operations, and with all the forces assembled, it is indispensable that hostilities be commenced, yourself taking the initiative against the enemy."

The movement of our army to the Rio Grande was made by the commanding general under positive orders to abstain from all aggressive acts towards Mexico, or Mexican citizens, and to regard the relations between the two countries as peaceful, unless Mexico should declare war, or commit acts of hostility indicative of a state of war; and these orders he faithfully executed. Whilst occupying his position on the east bank of the Rio Grande, within the limits of Texas, then recently admitted as one of the States of our Union, the commanding general of the Mexican forces, who, in pursuance of the orders of his government, had collected a large army on the opposite shore of the Rio Grande, crossed the river, invaded our territory, and commenced hostilities by attacking our forces.

Thus, after all the injuries which we had received and borne from Mexico, and after she had insultingly rejected a minister sent to her on a mission of peace, and whom she had solemnly agreed to receive, she consummated her long course of outrage against our country by commencing an offensive war and shedding the blood of our citizens on our own soil.

The United States never attempted to acquire Texas by conquest. On the contrary, at an early period after the people of Texas had achieved their independence, they sought to be annexed to the United States. At a general election in September, 1836, they decided with great unanimity in favor of "annexation;" and in November following, the Congress of the republic authorized the appointment of a minister, to bear their request to this government. This government, however, having remained neutral between Texas and Mexico during the war between them, and considering it due to the honor of our country, and our fair fame among the nations of the earth, that we should not at this early period consent to annexation, nor until it should be manifest to the whole world that the reconquest of Texas by Mexico was impossible, refused to accede to the overtures made by Texas. On the twelfth of April, 1844, and after more than seven years had elapsed since Texas had established her independence, a treaty was concluded for the annexation of that republic to the United States, which was rejected by the Senate. Finally, on the first of March, 1845, Congress passed a joint resolution for annexing her to the United States, upon certain preliminary conditions to which her assent was required. The solemnities which characterized the deliberations and conduct of the government and people of Texas, on the deeply interesting questions presented by these resolutions, are known to the world. The Congress, the Executive, and the people of Texas, in a convention elected for that purpose, accepted with great unanimity the proposed terms of annexation; and thus consummated upon her part the great act of restoring to our federal Union a vast territory which had been ceded to Spain by the Florida treaty more than a quarter of a century before.

After the joint resolution for the annexation of Texas to the United States had been passed by our Congress, the Mexican minister at Washington addressed a note to the Secretary of State, bearing date on the sixth of March, 1845, protesting against it as "an act of aggression, the most unjust which can be found recorded in the annals of modern history; namely, that of despoiling a friendly nation, like Mexico, of a considerable portion of her territory;" and protesting against the resolution of annexation,

as being an act "whereby the province of Texas, an integral portion of the Mexican territory, is agreed and admitted into the American Union;" and he announced that, as a consequence, his mission to the United States had terminated, and demanded his passports, which were granted. It was upon the absurd pretext, made by Mexico, (herself indebted for her independence to a successful revolution,) that the republic of Texas still continued to be, notwithstanding all that had passed, a province of Mexico, that this step was taken by the Mexican minister.

Every honorable effort has been used by me to avoid the war which followed, but all have proved vain. All our attempts to preserve peace have been met by insult and resistance on the part of Mexico. My efforts to this end commenced in the note of the Secretary of State of the tenth of March, 1845, in answer to that of the Mexican minister. Whilst declining to reopen a discussion which had already been exhausted, and proving again what was known to the whole world, that Texas had long since achieved her independence, the Secretary of State expressed the regret of this government that Mexico should have taken offence at the resolution of annexation passed by Congress, and gave assurance that our "most strenuous efforts shall be devoted to the amicable adjustment of every cause of complaint between the two governments, and to the cultivation of the kindest and most friendly relations between the sister republics."

That I have acted in the spirit of this assurance, will appear from the events which have since occurred. Notwithstanding Mexico had abruptly terminated all diplomatic intercourse with the United States, and ought, therefore, to have been the first to ask for its resumption, yet, waiving all ceremony, I embraced the earliest favorable opportunity to "ascertain from the Mexican government whether they would receive an envoy from the United States, intrusted with full power to adjust all the questions in dispute between the two governments." In September, 1845, I believed the propitious moment for such an overture had arrived. Texas, by the enthusiastic and almost unanimous will of her people, had pronounced in favor of annexation. Mexico herself had agreed to acknowledge the independence of Texas, subject to a condition, it is true, which she had no right to impose and no power to enforce. The last lingering hope of Mexico, if she still could have retained any, that Texas would ever again become one of her provinces, must have been abandoned.

The consul of the United States at the city of Mexico was, therefore, instructed by the Secretary of State, on the fifteenth of September, 1845, to make the inquiry of the Mexican government. The inquiry was made, and on the fifteenth of October, 1845, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Mexican government, in a note addressed to our consul, gave a favorable response, requesting, at the same time, that our naval force might be withdrawn from Vera Cruz while negotiations should be pending. Upon the receipt of this note, our naval force was promptly withdrawn from Vera Cruz. A minister was immediately appointed, and departed to Mexico. Every thing bore a promising aspect for a speedy and peaceful adjustment of all our difficulties. At the date of my annual message to Congress, in December last, no doubt was entertained but that he would be received by the Mexican government, and the hope was cherished that all cause of misunderstanding between the two countries would be speedily removed. In the confident hope that such would be the result of his mission, I informed Congress that I forbore at that time to "recommend such ulterior mea-

sures of redress for the wrongs and injuries we had so long borne, as it would have been proper to make had no such negotiation been instituted." To my surprise and regret, the Mexican government, though solemnly pledged to do so, upon the arrival of our minister in Mexico, refused to receive and accredit him. When he reached Vera Cruz, on the thirtieth of November, 1845, he found that the aspect of affairs had undergone an unhappy change. The government of General Herrera, who was at that time President of the republic, was tottering to its fall. General Paredes (a military leader) had manifested his determination to overthrow the government of Herrera, by a military revolution; and one of the principal means which he employed to effect his purpose, and render the government of Herrera odious to the army and people of Mexico, was by loudly condemning its determination to receive a minister of peace from the United States, alleging that it was the intention of Herrera, by a treaty with the United States, to dismember the territory of Mexico, by ceding away the department of Texas. The government of Herrera is believed to have been well disposed to a pacific adjustment of existing difficulties; but, probably alarmed for its own security, and in order to ward off the danger of the revolution led by Paredes, violated its solemn agreement, and refused to receive or accredit our minister; and this, although informed that he had been invested with full power to adjust all questions in dispute between the two governments. Among the frivolous pretexts for this refusal, the principal one was, that our minister had not gone upon a special mission, confined to the question of Texas alone, leaving all the outrages upon our flag and our citizens unredressed. The Mexican government well knew that both our national honor and the protection due to our citizens imperatively required that the two questions of boundary and indemnity should be treated of together, as naturally and inseparably blended, and they ought to have seen that this course was best calculated to enable the United States to extend to them the most liberal justice. On the thirtieth of December, 1845, General Herrera resigned the presidency, and yielded up the government to General Paredes without a struggle. Thus a revolution was accomplished solely by the army commanded by Paredes, and the supreme power in Mexico passed into the hands of a military usurper, who was known to be bitterly hostile to the United States.

Although the prospect of a pacific adjustment with the new government was unpromising, from the known hostility of its head to the United States, yet, determined that nothing should be left undone on our part to restore friendly relations between the two countries, our minister was instructed to present his credentials to the new government, and ask to be accredited by it in the diplomatic character in which he had been commissioned. These instructions he executed by his note of the first of March, 1846, addressed to the Mexican Minister of Foreign Affairs; but his request was insultingly refused by that minister, in his answer of the twelfth of the same month. No alternative remained for our minister but to demand his passports, and return to the United States.

Thus was the extraordinary spectacle presented to the civilized world, of a government, in violation of its own express agreement, having twice rejected a minister of peace, invested with full powers to adjust all the existing differences between the two countries, in a manner just and honorable to both. I am not aware that modern history presents a parallel case, in

which, in time of peace, one nation has refused even to hear propositions from another for terminating existing difficulties between them.

Scarcely a hope of adjusting our difficulties, even at a remote day, or of preserving peace with Mexico, could be cherished while Paredes remained at the head of the government. He had acquired the supreme power by a military revolution, and upon the most solemn pledges to wage war against the United States, and to reconquer Texas, which he claimed as a revolted province of Mexico. He had denounced as guilty of treason all those Mexicans who considered Texas as no longer constituting a part of the territory of Mexico, and who were friendly to the cause of peace. The duration of the war which he waged against the United States was indefinite, because the end which he proposed, of the reconquest of Texas, was hopeless. Besides, there was good reason to believe, from all his conduct, that it was his intention to convert the republic of Mexico into a monarchy, and to call a foreign European prince to the throne. Preparatory to this end, he had, during his short rule, destroyed the liberty of the press, tolerating that portion of it only which openly advocated the establishment of a monarchy. The better to secure the success of his ultimate designs, he had, by an arbitrary decree, convoked a Congress—not to be elected by the free voice of the people, but to be chosen in a manner to make them subservient to his will, and to give him absolute control over their deliberations.

Under all these circumstances, it was believed that any revolution in Mexico, founded upon opposition to the ambitious projects of Paredes, would tend to promote the cause of peace as well as prevent any attempted European interference in the affairs of the North American continent—both objects of deep interest to the United States. Any such foreign interference, if attempted, must have been resisted by the United States. My views upon that subject were fully communicated to Congress in my last annual message. In any event, it was certain that no change whatever in the government of Mexico which would deprive Paredes of power could be for the worse, so far as the United States were concerned, while it was highly probable that any change must be for the better.

This was the state of affairs existing when Congress, on the thirteenth of May last, recognised the existence of the war which had been commenced by the government of Paredes; and it became an object of much importance, with a view to a speedy settlement of our difficulties and the restoration of an honorable peace, that Paredes should not retain power in Mexico.

Before that time there were symptoms of a revolution in Mexico, favored, as it was understood to be, by the more liberal party, and especially by those who were opposed to foreign interference and to the monarchical form of government. Santa Anna was then in exile in Havana, having been expelled from power and banished from his country by a revolution which occurred in December, 1844; but it was known that he had still a considerable party in his favor in Mexico. It was also equally well known that no vigilance which could be exerted by our squadron would, in all probability, have prevented him from effecting a landing somewhere on the extensive gulf coast of Mexico, if he desired to return to his country. He had openly professed an entire change of policy; had expressed his regret that he had subverted the federal constitution of 1824, and avowed that he was now in favor of its restoration. He had publicly declared his hostility, in the strongest terms, to the establishment of a monarchy, and to European interference in the affairs of his country. Information to this effect

had been received, from sources believed to be reliable, at the date of the recognition of the existence of the war by Congress, and was afterwards fully comfirmed by the receipt of the despatch of our consul in the city of Mexico, with the accompanying documents, which are herewith transmitted. Besides, it was reasonable to suppose that he must see the ruinous consequences to Mexico of a war with the United States, and that it would be his interest to favor peace.

It was under these circumstances and upon these considerations that it was deemed expedient not to obstruct his return to Mexico, should he attempt to do so. Our object was the restoration of peace; and, with that view, no reason was perceived why we should take part with Parades, and aid him, by means of our blockade, in preventing the return of his rival to Mexico. On the contrary, it was believed that the intestine divisions which ordinary sagacity could not but anticipate as the fruit of Santa Anna's return to Mexico, and his contest with Paredes, might strongly tend to produce a disposition with both parties to restore and preserve peace with the United States. Paredes was a soldier by profession, and a monarchist in principle. He had but recently before been successful in a military revolution, by which he had obtained power. He was the sworn enemy of the United States, with which he had involved his country in the existing war. Santa Anna had been expelled from power by the army; was known to be in open hostility to Paredes, and publicly pledged against foreign intervention and the restoration of monarchy in Mexico. In view of these facts and circumstances it was, that, when orders were issued to the commander of our naval forces in the Gulf, on the thirteenth day of May last, the same day on which the existence of the war was recognised by Congress, to place the coasts of Mexico under blockade, he was directed not to obstruct the passage of Santa Anna to Mexico, should he attempt to return.

A revolution took place in Mexico in the early part of August following, by which the power of Paredes was overthrown, and he has since been banished from the country, and is now in exile. Shortly afterwards, Santa Anna returned. It remains to be seen whether his return may not yet prove to be favorable to a pacific adjustment of the existing difficulties, it being manifestly his interest not to persevere in the prosecution of a war commenced by Paredes, to accomplish a purpose so absurd as the reconquest of Texas to the Sabine. Had Paredes remained in power, it is morally certain that any pacific adjustment would have been hopeless.

Upon the commencement of hostilities by Mexico against the United States, the indignant spirit of the nation was at once aroused. Congress promptly responded to the expectations of the country, and, by the act of the thirteenth of May last, recognised the fact that war existed, by the act of Mexico, between the United States and that republic, and granted the means necessary for its vigorous prosecution. Being involved in a war thus commenced by Mexico, and for the justice of which on our part we may confidently appeal to the whole world, I resolved to prosecute it with the utmost vigor. Accordingly, the ports of Mexico on the Gulf and on the Pacific have been placed under blockade, and her territory invaded at several important points. The reports from the Departments of War and the Navy will inform you more in detail of the measures adopted in the emergency in which our country was placed, and of the gratifying results which have been accomplished.

The various columns of the army have performed their duty, under great disadvantages, with the most distinguished skill and courage. The victories of Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma, and of Monterey, won against greatly superior numbers, and against most decided advantages in other respects on the part of the enemy, were brilliant in their execution, and entitle our brave officers and soldiers to the grateful thanks of their country. The nation deplores the loss of the brave officers and men who have gallantly fallen while vindicating and defending their country's rights and honor.

It is a subject of pride and satisfaction that our volunteer citizen-soldiers, who so promptly responded to their country's call, with an experience of the discipline of a camp of only a few weeks, have borne their part in the hard fought battle of Monterey with a constancy and courage equal to that of veteran troops, and worthy of the highest admiration. The privations of long marches through the enemy's country, and through a wilderness, have been borne without a murmur. By rapid movements the province of New Mexico, with Santa Fe, its capital, has been captured without bloodshed. The navy has co-operated with the army, and rendered important services: if not so brilliant, it is because the enemy had no force to meet them on their own element, and because of the defences which nature has interposed in the difficulties of the navigation on the Mexican coasts. Our squadron in the Pacific, with the co-operation of a gallant officer of the army, and a small force hastily collected in that distant country, have acquired bloodless possession of the Californias, and the American flag has been raised at every important point in that province.

I congratulate you on the success which has thus attended our military and naval operations. In less than seven months after Mexico commenced hostilities, at a time selected by herself, we have taken possession of many of her principal ports, driven back and pursued her invading army, and acquired military possession of the Mexican provinces of New Mexico, New Leon, Coahuila, Tamaulipas, and the Californias, a territory larger in extent than that embraced in the original thirteen States of the Union, inhabited by a considerable population, and much of it more than a thousand miles from the points at which we had to collect our forces and commence our movements. By the blockade, the import and export trade of the enemy has been cut off.

Well may the American people be proud of the energy and gallantry of our regular and volunteer officers and soldiers. The events of these few months afford a gratifying proof that our country can, under any emergency, confidently rely for the maintenance of her honor, and the defence of her rights, on an effective force, ready at all times voluntarily to relinquish the comforts of home for the perils and privations of the camp. And though such a force may be for the time expensive, it is in the end economical, as the ability to command it removes the necessity of employing a large standing army in time of peace, and proves that our people love their institutions, and are ever ready to defend and protect them.

Whilst the war was in a course of vigorous and successful prosecution, being still anxious to arrest its evils, and considering that, after the brilliant victories of our arms on the eighth and ninth of May last, the national honor could not be compromitted by it, another overture was made to Mexico, by my direction, on the twenty-seventh of July last, to terminate hostilities by a peace just and honorable to both countries. On the thirty-

first of August following, the Mexican government declined to accept this friendly overture, but referred it to the decision of a Mexican Congress, to be assembled in the early part of the present month. I communicate to you, herewith, a copy of the letter of the Secretary of State proposing to reopen negotiations, of the answer of the Mexican government, and of the reply thereto of the Secretary of State.

The war will continue to be prosecuted with vigor, as the best means of securing peace. It is hoped that the decision of the Mexican Congress, to which our last overture has been referred, may result in a speedy and honorable peace. With our experience, however, of the unreasonable course of the Mexican authorities, it is the part of wisdom not to relax in the energy of our military operations until the result is made known. In this view, it is deemed important to hold military possession of all the provinces which have been taken, until a definitive treaty of peace shall have been concluded and ratified by the two countries.

The war has not been waged with a view to conquest; but having been commenced by Mexico, it has been carried into the enemy's country, and will be vigorously prosecuted there, with a view to obtain an honorable peace, and thereby secure ample indemnity for the expenses of the war, as well as to our much injured citizens, who hold large pecuniary demands against Mexico.

By the laws of nations a conquered territory is subject to be governed by the conqueror during his military possession, and until there is either a treaty of peace, or he shall voluntarily withdraw from it. The old civil government being necessarily superseded, it is the right and duty of the conqueror to secure his conquest, and to provide for the maintenance of civil order and the rights of the inhabitants. This right has been exercised, and this duty performed, by our military and naval commanders, by the establishment of temporary governments in some of the conquered provinces in Mexico, assimilating them as far as practicable to the free institutions of our own country. In the provinces of New Mexico, and of the Californias, little if any further resistance is apprehended from the inhabitants to the temporary governments which have thus, from the necessity of the case, and according to the laws of war, been established. It may be proper to provide for the security of these important conquests by making an adequate appropriation for the purpose of erecting fortifications and defraying the expenses necessarily incident to the maintenance of our possession and authority over them.

Near the close of your last session, for reasons communicated to Congress, I deemed it important, as a measure for securing a speedy peace with Mexico, that a sum of money should be appropriated and placed in the power of the Executive, similar to that which had been made upon two former occasions, during the administration of President Jefferson.

On the twenty-sixth of February, 1803, an appropriation of two millions of dollars was made, and placed at the disposal of the President. Its object is well known. It was at that time in contemplation to acquire Louisiana from France, and it was intended to be applied as a part of the consideration which might be paid for that territory. On the thirteenth of February, 1806, the same sum was in like manner appropriated, with a view to the purchase of the Floridas from Spain. These appropriations were made to facilitate negotiations, and as a means to enable the President to accomplish the important objects in view. Though it did not be-

come necessary for the President to use these appropriations, yet a state of things might have arisen in which it would have been highly important for him to do so, and the wisdom of making them cannot be doubted. It is believed that the measure recommended at your last session met with the approbation of decided majorities in both houses of Congress. Indeed, in different forms, a bill making an appropriation of two millions of dollars passed each House, and it is much to be regretted that it did not become a law. The reasons which induced me to recommend the measure at that time still exist; and I again submit the subject for your consideration, and suggest the importance of early action upon it. Should the appropriation be made, and be not needed, it will remain in the treasury: should it be deemed proper to apply it in whole or in part, it will be accounted for as other public expenditures.

Immediately after Congress had recognised the existence of the war with Mexico, my attention was directed to the danger that privateers might be fitted out in the ports of Cuba and Porto Rico to prey upon the commerce of the United States; and I invited the special attention of the Spanish government to the fourteenth article of our treaty with that Power of the twentieth of October, 1795, under which the citizens and subjects of either nation who shall take commissions or letters of marque to act as privateers against the other "shall be punished as pirates."

It affords me pleasure to inform you that I have received assurances from the Spanish government that this article of the treaty shall be faithfully observed on its part. Orders for this purpose were immediately transmitted from that government to the authorities of Cuba and Porto Rico to exert their utmost vigilance in preventing any attempts to fit out privateers in those islands against the United States. From the good faith of Spain I am fully satisfied that this treaty will be executed in its spirit as well as its letter; whilst the United States will, on their part, faithfully perform all the obligations which it imposes on them.

Information has been recently received at the Department of State that the Mexican government has sent to Havana blank commissions to privateers, and blank certificates of naturalization, signed by General Salas, the present head of the Mexican government. There is, also, reason to apprehend that similar documents have been transmitted to other parts of the world. Copies of these papers, in translation, are herewith transmitted.

As the preliminaries required by the practice of civilized nations for commissioning privateers and regulating their conduct appear not to have been observed, and as these commissions are in blank, to be filled up with the names of citizens and subjects of all nations who may be willing to purchase them, the whole proceeding can only be construed as an invitation to all the freebooters upon earth, who are willing to pay for the privilege, to cruise against American commerce. It will be for our courts of justice to decide whether, under such circumstances, these Mexican letters of marque and reprisal shall protect those who accept them, and commit robberies upon the high seas under their authority, from the pains and penalties of piracy.

If the certificates of naturalization thus granted be intended by Mexico to shield Spanish subjects from the guilt and punishment of pirates, under our treaty with Spain, they will certainly prove unavailing. Such a subterfuge would be but a weak device to defeat the provisions of a solemn treaty.

I recommend that Congress should immediately provide by law for the trial and punishment as pirates of Spanish subjects who, escaping the vigilance of their government, shall be found guilty of privateering against the United States. I do not apprehend serious danger from these privateers. Our navy will be constantly on the alert to protect our commerce. Besides, in case prizes should be made of American vessels, the utmost vigilance will be exerted by our blockading squadron to prevent the captors from taking them into Mexican ports, and it is not apprehended that any nation will violate its neutrality by suffering such prizes to be condemned and sold within its jurisdiction.

I recommend that Congress should immediately provide by law for granting letters of marque and reprisal against vessels under the Mexican flag. It is true that there are but few, if any, commercial vessels of Mexico upon the high seas; and it is, therefore, not probable that many American privateers would be fitted out, in case a law should pass authorizing this mode of warfare. It is, notwithstanding, certain that such privateers may render good service to the commercial interests of the country, by recapturing our merchant ships, should any be taken by armed vessels under the Mexican flag, as well as by capturing these vessels themselves. Every means within our power should be rendered available for the protection of our commerce.

The annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury will exhibit a detailed statement of the condition of the finances. The imports for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth of June last were of the value of one hundred and twenty-one million six hundred and ninety-one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven dollars; of which the amount exported was eleven million three hundred and forty six thousand six hundred and twenty-three dollars; leaving the amount retained in the country for domestic consumption one hundred and ten million three hundred and forty-five thousand one hundred and seventy-four dollars. The value of the exports for the same period was one hundred and thirteen million four hundred and eighty-eight thousand five hundred and sixteen dollars; of which one hundred and two million one hundred and forty-one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three dollars consisted of domestic productions, and eleven million three hundred and forty-six thousand six hundred and twenty-three dollars of foreign articles.

The receipts into the treasury for the same year were twenty-nine million four hundred and ninety-nine thousand two hundred and forty seven dollars and six cents; of which there was derived from customs twenty-six million seven hundred and twelve thousand six hundred and sixty-seven dollars and eighty-seven cents, from the sales of public lands two million six hundred and ninety-four thousand four hundred and fifty-two dollars and forty-eight cents, and from incidental and miscellaneous sources ninety-two thousand one hundred and twenty-six dollars and seventy-one cents. The expenditures for the same period were twenty-eight million thirty-one thousand one hundred and fourteen dollars and twenty cents, and the balance in the treasury on the first day of July last was nine million one hundred and twenty-six thousand four hundred and thirty-nine dollars and eight cents.

The amount of the public debt, including treasury notes, on the first of the present month, was twenty-four million two hundred and fifty-six thousand four hundred and ninety-four dollars and sixty cents; of which the

sum of seventeen million seven hundred and eighty-eight thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine dollars and sixty-two cents was outstanding on the fourth of March, 1845, leaving the amount incurred since that time six million four hundred and sixty-seven thousand six hundred and ninety-four dollars and ninety-eight cents.

In order to prosecute the war with Mexico with vigor and energy, as the best means of bringing it to a speedy and honorable termination, a further loan will be necessary, to meet the expenditures for the present and the next fiscal years. If the war should be continued until the thirtieth of June, 1848—being the end of the next fiscal year—it is estimated that an additional loan of twenty-three millions of dollars will be required. This estimate is made upon the assumption that it will be necessary to retain constantly in the treasury four millions of dollars, to guard against contingencies. If such surplus were not required to be retained, then a loan of nineteen millions of dollars would be sufficient. If, however, Congress should, at the present session, impose a revenue duty on the principal articles now embraced in the free list, it is estimated that an additional annual revenue of about two millions and a half, amounting, it is estimated, on the thirtieth of June, 1848, to four millions of dollars, would be derived from that source; and the loan required would be reduced by that amount. It is estimated, also, that should Congress graduate and reduce the price of such of the public lands as have been long in the market, the additional revenue derived from that source would be annually, for several years to come, between half a million and a million of dollars; and the loan required may be reduced by that amount also. Should these measures be adopted, the loan required would not probably exceed eighteen or nineteen millions of dollars—leaving in the treasury a constant surplus of four millions of dollars. The loan proposed, it is estimated, will be sufficient to cover the necessary expenditures, both for the war and for all other purposes, up to the thirtieth of June, 1848; and an amount of this loan, not exceeding one-half, may be required during the present fiscal year, and the greater part of the remainder during the first half of the fiscal year succeeding.

In order that timely notice may be given, and proper measures taken to effect the loan, or such portion of it as may be required, it is important that the authority of Congress to make it be given at an early period of your present session. It is suggested that the loan should be contracted for a period of twenty years, with authority to purchase the stock and pay it off at an earlier period, at its market value, out of any surplus which may at any time be in the treasury applicable to that purpose. After the establishment of peace with Mexico, it is supposed that a considerable surplus will exist, and that the debt may be extinguished in a much shorter period than that for which it may be contracted. The period of twenty years, as that for which the proposed loan may be contracted, in preference to a shorter period, is suggested, because all experience, both at home and abroad, has shown that loans are effected upon much better terms upon long time, than when they are reimbursable at short dates.

Necessary as this measure is, to sustain the honor and the interests of the country, engaged in a foreign war, it is not doubted but that Congress will promptly authorize it.

The balance in the treasury on the first of July last exceeded nine millions of dollars, notwithstanding considerable expenditures had been made

for the war during the months of May and June preceding. But for the war, the whole public debt could and would have been extinguished within a short period; and it was a part of my settled policy to do so, and thus relieve the people from its burden, and place the government in a position which would enable it to reduce the public expenditures to that economical standard which is most consistent with the general welfare, and the pure and wholesome progress of our institutions.

Among our just causes of complaint against Mexico, arising out of her refusal to treat for peace, as well before as since the war so unjustly commenced on her part, are the extraordinary expenditures in which we have been involved. Justice to our own people will make it proper that Mexico should be held responsible for these expenditures.

Economy in the public expenditures is at all times a high duty which all public functionaries of the government owe to the people. This duty becomes the more imperative in a period of war, when large and extraordinary expenditures become unavoidable. During the existence of the war with Mexico all our resources should be husbanded, and no appropriations made except such as are absolutely necessary for its vigorous prosecution and the due administration of the government. Objects of appropriation, which in peace may be deemed useful or proper, but which are not indispensable for the public service, may, when the country is engaged in a foreign war, be well postponed to a future period. By the observance of this policy at your present session, large amounts may be saved to the treasury, and be applied to objects of pressing and urgent necessity, and thus the creation of a corresponding amount of public debt may be avoided.

It is not meant to recommend that the ordinary and necessary appropriations for the support of government should be withheld, but it is well known that at every session of Congress appropriations are proposed for numerous objects which may or may not be made, without materially affecting the public interests; and these it is recommended should not be granted.

The act passed at your last session "reducing the duties on imports" not having gone into operation until the first of the present month, there has not been time for its practical effect upon the revenue, and the business of the country, to be developed. It is not doubted, however, that the just policy which it adopts will add largely to our foreign trade, and promote the general prosperity. Although it cannot be certainly foreseen what amount of revenue it will yield, it is estimated that it will exceed that produced by the act of 1842, which it superseded. The leading principles established by it are, to levy the taxes with a view to raise revenue, and to impose them upon the articles imported according to their actual value.

The act of 1842, by the excessive rates of duty which it imposed on many articles, either totally excluded them from importation, or greatly reduced the amount imported, and thus diminished instead of producing revenue. By it the taxes were imposed not for the legitimate purpose of raising revenue, but to afford advantages to favored classes, at the expense of a large majority of their fellow-citizens. Those employed in agriculture, mechanical pursuits, commerce, and navigation, were compelled to contribute from their substance to swell the profits and overgrown wealth of the comparatively few who had invested their capital in manufactures. The taxes were not levied in proportion to the value of the articles upon which they were imposed; but, widely departing from this just rule, the

lighter taxes were, in many cases, levied upon articles of luxury and high price, and the heavier taxes upon those of necessity and low price, consumed by the great mass of the people. It was a system, the inevitable effect of which was to relieve favored classes and the wealthy few from contributing their just proportion for the support of government, and to lay the burden on the labor of the many, engaged in other pursuits than manufactures.

A system so unequal and unjust has been superseded by the existing law, which imposes duties not for the benefit or injury of classes or pursuits, but distributes, and, as far as practicable, equalizes the public burdens among all classes and occupations. The favored classes, who, under the unequal and unjust system which has been repealed, have heretofore realized large profits, and many of them amassed large fortunes, at the expense of the many who have been made tributary to them, will have no reason to complain if they shall be required to bear their just proportion of the taxes necessary for the support of government. So far from it, it will be perceived, by an examination of the existing law, that discriminations in the rates of duty imposed, within the revenue principle, have been retained in their favor. The incidental aid against foreign competition which they still enjoy gives them an advantage which no other pursuits possess; but of this none others will complain, because the duties levied are necessary for revenue. These revenue duties, including freights and charges, which the importer must pay before he can come in competition with the home manufacturer in our markets, amount, on nearly all our leading branches of manufacture, to more than one-third of the value of the imported article, and in some cases to almost one-half its value. With such advantages, it is not doubted that our domestic manufacturers will continue to prosper, realizing in well conducted establishments even greater profits than can be derived from any other regular business. Indeed, so far from requiring the protection of even incidental revenue duties, our manufacturers in several leading branches are extending their business, giving evidence of great ingenuity and skill, and of their ability to compete, with increased prospect of success, for the open market of the world. Domestic manufactures, to the value of several millions of dollars, which cannot find a market at home, are annually exported to foreign countries. With such rates of duty as those established by the existing law, the system will probably be permanent; and capitalists, who have made, or shall hereafter make, their investments in manufactures, will know upon what to rely. The country will be satisfied with these rates, because the advantages which the manufacturers still enjoy result necessarily from the collection of revenue for the support of government. High protective duties, from their unjust operation upon the masses of the people, cannot fail to give rise to extensive dissatisfaction and complaint, and to constant efforts to change or repeal them, rendering all investments in manufactures uncertain and precarious. Lower and more permanent rates of duty, at the same time that they will yield to the manufacturer fair and remunerating profits, will secure him against the danger of frequent changes in the system, which cannot fail to ruinously affect his interests.

Simultaneously with the relaxation of the restrictive policy by the United States, Great Britain, from whose example we derived the system, has relaxed hers. She has modified her corn laws, and reduced many other duties to moderate revenue rates. After ages of experience, the statesmen of

that country have been constrained by a stern necessity, and by a public opinion having its deep foundation in the sufferings and wants of impoverished millions, to abandon a system the effect of which was to build up immense fortunes in the hands of the few, and to reduce the laboring millions to pauperism and misery. Nearly in the same ratio that labor was depressed, capital was increased and concentrated by the British protective policy.

The evils of the system in Great Britain were at length rendered intolerable, and it has been abandoned, but not without a severe struggle on the part of the protected and favored classes to retain the unjust advantages which they have so long enjoyed. It was to be expected that a similar struggle would be made by the same classes in the United States, whenever an attempt was made to modify or abolish the same unjust system here. The protective policy had been in operation in the United States for a much shorter period, and its pernicious effects were not, therefore, so clearly perceived and felt. Enough, however, was known of these effects to induce its repeal.

It would be strange if, in the face of the example of Great Britain, our principal foreign customer, and of the evils of a system rendered manifest in that country by long and painful experience, and in the face of the immense advantages which, under a more liberal commercial policy, we are already deriving, and must continue to derive, by supplying her starving population with food, the United States should restore a policy which she has been compelled to abandon, and thus diminish her ability to purchase from us the food and other articles which she so much needs, and we so much desire to sell.

By the simultaneous abandonment of the protective policy by Great Britain and the United States, new and important markets have already been opened for our agricultural and other products; commerce and navigation have received a new impulse; labor and trade have been released from the artificial trammels which have so long fettered them; and to a great extent reciprocity, in the exchange of commodities, has been introduced at the same time by both countries, and greatly for the benefit of both. Great Britain has been forced, by the pressure of circumstances at home, to abandon a policy which has been upheld for ages, and to open her markets for our immense surplus of breadstuffs; and it is confidently believed that other Powers of Europe will ultimately see the wisdom, if they be not compelled by the pauperism and sufferings of their crowded population, to pursue a similar policy.

Our farmers are more deeply interested in maintaining the just and liberal policy of the existing law than any other class of our citizens. They constitute a large majority of our population; and it is well known that when they prosper, all other pursuits prosper also. They have heretofore not only received none of the bounties or favors of government, but, by the unequal operations of the protective policy, have been made, by the burdens of taxation which it imposed, to contribute to the bounties which have enriched others.

When a foreign as well as a home market is opened to them, they must receive, as they are now receiving, increased prices for their products. They will find a readier sale, and at better prices, for their wheat, flour, rice, Indian corn, beef, pork, lard, butter, cheese, and other articles, which they produce. The home-market alone is inadequate to enable them to

dispose of the immense surplus of food and other articles which they are capable of producing, even at the most reduced prices, for the manifest reason that they cannot be consumed in the country. The United States can, from their immense surplus, supply not only the home demand, but the deficiencies of food required by the whole world.

That the reduced production of some of the chief articles of food in Great Britain, and other parts of Europe, may have contributed to increase the demand for our breadstuffs and provisions, is not doubted; but that the great and efficient cause of this increased demand, and of increased prices, consists in the removal of artificial restrictions heretofore imposed, is deemed to be equally certain. That our exports of food, already increased and increasing beyond former example, under the more liberal policy which has been adopted, will be still vastly enlarged, unless they be checked or prevented by a restoration of the protective policy, cannot be doubted. That our commercial and navigating interests will be enlarged in a corresponding ratio with the increase of our trade, is equally certain; while our manufacturing interests will still be the favored interests of the country, and receive the incidental protection afforded them by revenue duties; and more than this they cannot justly demand.

In my annual message of December last, a tariff of revenue duties based upon the principles of the existing law was recommended; and I have seen no reason to change the opinions then expressed. In view of the probable beneficial effects of that law, I recommend that the policy established by it be maintained. It has but just commenced to operate, and to abandon or modify it without giving it a fair trial, would be inexpedient and unwise. Should defects in any of its details be ascertained by actual experience to exist, these may be hereafter corrected; but until such defects shall become manifest, the act should be fairly tested.

It is submitted for your consideration whether it may not be proper, as a war measure, to impose revenue duties on some of the articles now embraced in the free list. Should it be deemed proper to impose such duties, with a view to raise revenue to meet the expenses of the war with Mexico, or to avoid to that extent the creation of a public debt, they may be repealed when the emergency which gave rise to them shall cease to exist, and constitute no part of the permanent policy of the country.

The act of the sixth of August last, "to provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safekeeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue," has been carried into execution as rapidly as the delay necessarily arising out of the appointment of new officers, taking and approving their bonds, and preparing and securing proper places for the safekeeping of the public money, would permit. It is not proposed to depart in any respect from the principles or policy on which this great measure is founded. There are, however, defects in the details of the measure, developed by its practical operation, which are fully set forth in the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, to which the attention of Congress is invited. These defects would impair to some extent the successful operation of the law at all times, but are especially embarrassing when the country is engaged in a war, when the expenditures are greatly increased, when loans are to be effected, and the disbursements are to be made at points many hundred miles distant, in some cases, from any depository, and a large portion of them in a foreign country. The modifica-

tions suggested in the report of the Secretary of the Treasury are recommended to your favorable consideration.

In connexion with this subject, I invite your attention to the importance of establishing a branch of the mint of the United States at New York. Two-thirds of the revenue derived from customs being collected at that point, the demand for specie to pay the duties will be large; and a branch mint, where foreign coin and bullion could be immediately converted into American coin, would greatly facilitate the transaction of the public business, enlarge the circulation of gold and silver, and be, at the same time, a safe depository of the public money.

The importance of graduating and reducing the price of such of the public lands as have been long offered in the market at the minimum rate authorized by existing laws, and remain unsold, induces me again to recommend the subject to your favorable consideration. Many millions of acres of these lands have been offered in the market for more than thirty years, and larger quantities for more than ten or twenty years; and being of an inferior quality, they must remain unsaleable for an indefinite period, unless the price at which they may be purchased shall be reduced. To place a price upon them above their real value is not only to prevent their sale, and thereby deprive the treasury of any income from that source, but is unjust to the States in which they lie, because it retards their growth and increase of population, and because they have no power to levy a tax upon them as upon other lands within their limits, held by other proprietors than the United States, for the support of their local governments.

The beneficial effects of the graduation principle have been realized by some of the States owning the lands within their limits, in which it has been adopted. They have been demonstrated also by the United States acting as the trustee of the Chickasaw tribe of Indians in the sale of their lands lying within the States of Mississippi and Alabama. The Chickasaw lands, which would not command in the market the minimum price established by the laws of the United States for the sale of their lands, were, in pursuance of the treaty of 1834 with that tribe, subsequently offered for sale at graduated and reduced rates for limited periods. The result was, that large quantities of these lands were purchased, which would otherwise have remained unsold. The lands were disposed of at their real value, and many persons of limited means were enabled to purchase small tracts, upon which they have settled with their families. That similar results would be produced by the adoption of the graduation policy by the United States, in all the States in which they are the owners of large bodies of lands which have been long in the market, cannot be doubted. It cannot be a sound policy to withhold large quantities of the public lands from the use and occupation of our citizens, by fixing upon them prices which experience has shown they will not command. On the contrary, it is a wise policy to afford facilities to our citizens to become the owners, at low and moderate rates, of freeholds of their own, instead of being the tenants and dependants of others. If it be apprehended that these lands, if reduced in price, would be secured in large quantities by speculators or capitalists, the sales may be restricted, in limited quantities, to actual settlers or persons purchasing for purposes of cultivation.

In my last annual message I submitted for the consideration of Congress the present system of managing the mineral lands of the United States,

and recommended that they should be brought into market and sold, upon such terms and under such restrictions as Congress might prescribe. By the act of the eleventh of July last, "the reserved lead mines and contiguous lands in the States of Illinois and Arkansas, and Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa," were authorized to be sold. The act is confined, in its operation, to "lead mines and contiguous lands."

A large portion of the public lands containing copper and other ores is represented to be very valuable, and I recommend that provision be made authorizing the sale of these lands, upon such terms and conditions as from their supposed value may, in the judgment of Congress, be deemed advisable, having due regard to the interests of such of our citizens as may be located upon them.

It will be important, during your present session, to establish a territorial government and to extend the jurisdiction and laws of the United States over the Territory of Oregon. Our laws regulating trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes east of the Rocky mountains should be extended to the Pacific ocean; and, for the purpose of executing them and preserving friendly relations with the Indian tribes within our limits, an additional number of Indian agencies will be required, and should be authorized by law. The establishment of custom-houses, and of post offices and post roads, and provision for the transportation of the mail on such routes as the public convenience will suggest, require legislative authority. It will be proper, also, to establish a surveyor general's office in that Territory, and to make the necessary provision for surveying the public lands, and bringing them into market. As our citizens who now reside in that distant region have been subjected to many hardships, privations, and sacrifices in their emigration, and by their improvements have enhanced the value of the public lands in the neighborhood of their settlements, it is recommended that liberal grants be made to them of such portions of these lands as they may occupy, and that similar grants or rights of preemption be made to all who may emigrate thither within a limited period, to be prescribed by law.

The report of the Secretary of War contains detailed information relative to the several branches of the public service connected with that department. The operations of the army have been of a satisfactory and highly gratifying character.

I recommend to your early and favorable consideration the measures proposed by the Secretary of War for speedily filling up the rank and file of the regular army, for its greater efficiency in the field, and for raising an additional force to serve during the war with Mexico.

Embarrassment is likely to arise for want of legal provision authorizing compensation to be made to the agents employed in the several States and Territories to pay the revolutionary and other pensioners the amounts allowed them by law. Your attention is invited to the recommendations of the Secretary of War on this subject. These agents incur heavy responsibilities and perform important duties, and no reason exists why they should not be placed on the same footing, as to compensation, with other disbursing officers.

Our relations with the various Indian tribes continue to be of a pacific character. The unhappy dissensions which have existed among the Cherokees for many years past have been healed. Since my last annual message important treaties have been negotiated with some of the tribes,

by which the Indian title to large tracts of valuable land, within the limits of the States and Territories, has been extinguished, and arrangements made for removing them to the country west of the Mississippi. Between three and four thousand, of different tribes, have been removed to the country provided for them by treaty stipulations, and arrangements have been made for others to follow.

In our intercourse with the several tribes particular attention has been given to the important subject of education. The number of schools established among them has been increased, and additional means provided, not only for teaching them the rudiments of education, but of instructing them in agriculture and the mechanic arts.

I refer you to the report of the Secretary of the Navy for a satisfactory view of the operations of the department under his charge during the past year. It is gratifying to perceive, that while the war with Mexico has rendered it necessary to employ an unusual number of our armed vessels on her coasts, the protection due to our commerce in other quarters of the world has not proved insufficient. No means will be spared to give efficiency to the naval service in the prosecution of the war; and I am happy to know that the officers and men anxiously desire to devote themselves to the service of their country in any enterprise, however difficult of execution.

I recommend to your favorable consideration the proposition to add to each of our foreign squadrons an efficient sea steamer, and, as especially demanding attention, the establishment at Pensacola of the necessary means of repairing and refitting the vessels of the navy employed in the Gulf of Mexico.

There are other suggestions in the report which deserve, and, I doubt not, will receive your consideration.

The progress and condition of the mail service for the past year are fully presented in the report of the Postmaster General. The revenue for the year ending on the thirtieth of June last amounted to three million four hundred and eighty-seven thousand one hundred and ninety-nine dollars, which is eight hundred and two thousand six hundred and forty-two dollars and forty-five cents less than that of the preceding year. The payments for that department during the same time amounted to four million eighty-four thousand two hundred and ninety-seven dollars and twenty-two cents. Of this sum five hundred and ninety-seven thousand and ninety-seven dollars and eighty cents have been drawn from the treasury. The disbursements for the year were two hundred and thirty-six thousand four hundred and thirty-four dollars and seventy-seven cents less than those of the preceding year. While the disbursements have been thus diminished, the mail facilities have been enlarged by new mail routes of five thousand seven hundred and thirty-nine miles; an increase of transportation of one million seven hundred and sixty-four thousand one hundred and forty-five miles, and the establishment of four hundred and eighteen new post offices. Contractors, postmasters, and others, engaged in this branch of the service, have performed their duties with energy and faithfulness deserving commendation. For many interesting details connected with the operations of this establishment, you are referred to the report of the Postmaster General; and his suggestions for improving its revenues are recommended to your favorable consideration. I repeat the opinion expressed in my last annual message, that the business of this de-

partment should be so regulated that the revenues derived from it should be made to equal the expenditures; and it is believed that this may be done by proper modifications of the present laws, as suggested in the report of the Postmaster General, without changing the present rates of postage.

With full reliance upon the wisdom and patriotism of your deliberations, it will be my duty, as it will be my anxious desire, to co-operate with you in every constitutional effort to promote the welfare and maintain the honor of our common country.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *December* 8, 1846.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Speight,

Ordered, That it be printed, and that three thousand five hundred copies of the message, and fifteen hundred copies of the message and accompanying documents, in addition to the usual number, be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1846.

The honorable Albert C. Greene, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, and the honorable Edward A. Hannegan, from the State of Indiana, attended.

The Vice President laid before the Senate the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the state of the finances: which was read.

On motion by Mr. Speight,

Ordered, That it be printed, and that five thousand copies in addition to the usual number, be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Senate, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 7th August, 1846, in relation to a subscription to the "Debates of Congress," and the "Register of Debates:" which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dickinson presented the petition of H. M. Salomon, of the city of New York, praying indemnification for the sacrifices, and compensation for the services, of his late father during the revolutionary war.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Webster presented the memorial of the president and fellows of Harvard College, at Cambridge, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that certain parts of a refracting telescope, ordered from Munich previous to the late tariff law, and not yet imported, may be exempted from duty.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to direct and superintend the expenditure of all moneys appropriated for the purchase of books for the Library of Congress, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate

Mr. Cameron submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the propriety of granting 160 acres of land to each non-commissioned officer, musician, and private soldier who may or shall have volunteered to serve the country during the present war with Mexico, and of increasing the compensation now allowed by the War Department for the transportation and subsistence of the volunteer troops from their homes to the place of rendezvous in their different States.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1846.

The honorable John Macpherson Berrien, from the State of Georgia, attended.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, exhibiting the names of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and private soldiers who were killed, wounded, and missing in the battles of the 8th and 9th of May, 1846, with their ages, occupations, and places of birth: which was read.

Ordered, That it be printed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied by a report of the superintendent of the coast survey, showing the progress of the work during the year ending November, 1846.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That it be printed, and that five hundred copies, in addition to the usual number, be printed; two hundred and fifty copies thereof for the use of the office of the superintendent of the coast survey.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Treasurer of the United States, accompanied by copies of his accounts for the 3d and 4th quarters of 1845, and 1st and 2d quarters of 1846, as adjusted by the accounting officers of the department.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Yulee presented the petition of Francis P. Ferreira, administrator of Francis Pass, deceased, praying compensation for the destruction of the property of the deceased by the troops of the United States in the years 1812 and 1813.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Semple presented the petition of Charles Gillham, praying a pension on account of disability contracted while in the military service of the United States.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Crittenden submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to bring in a bill to increase, during the continuance of the present war with Mexico, the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates of the army of the United States, including the volunteers; and also to provide for the granting of certificates of merit to such of them as may distinguish themselves by personal acts of extraordinary devotion or bravery in the performance of their duty; and that those to whom such certificates are grant-

ed shall receive, in virtue thereof, additional pay at the rate of ——— dollars per month during their continuance in service.

Mr. Semple submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing an additional judicial district in the State of Illinois.

Mr. Semple submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate what measures, if any, have been taken for the transmission of letters and papers to and from the officers and soldiers now in the service of the United States in Mexico; and whether, in his opinion, any legislative action is necessary to secure the speedy transmission and delivery of such letters and papers.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That William Pittman have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

Ordered, That Samuel W. Bell have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Upham,

Ordered, That John P. Skinner and the legal representatives of Isaac Green have leave to withdraw their petition and papers.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives for the appointment of a joint committee to direct and superintend the expenditure of all moneys appropriated for the purchase of books for the Library of Congress, and all such other matters pertaining to the said library, not otherwise provided for by law: and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Lewis submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Vice President be authorized to appoint the standing committees of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution by unanimous consent: and,

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Cameron, in relation to the bounty land and pay of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates who may have volunteered, or may volunteer, to serve during the war with Mexico; and the resolution was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the Senate proceed to the appointment of standing committees on Monday, the 14th instant, at one o'clock.

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate the credentials of the honorable George E. Badger, elected a Senator by the legislature of the State of North Carolina, for the unexpired term of the honorable William H. Haywood, jr., resigned; which were read; and the oath prescribed by law having been administered to Mr. Badger, he took his seat in the Senate.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, communicating a report of the Commissioner of Pensions, made in conformity with the joint resolution of May 29, 1830, showing the applicants for an increase of pensions, whose claims have been rejected during the past year: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 29th of June, 1846, showing the number, description, and tonnage of vessels employed in the coasting trade in the several districts of the United States the 30th day of June, 1846: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made agreeably to law, on the commerce and navigation of the United States.

Ordered, That it be printed, and that seventeen hundred and fifty copies be printed in addition to the usual number, two hundred and fifty copies thereof for the use of the Treasury Department.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of State, made agreeably to law, showing the contingent expenses of the department during the year ending June 30, 1846; the amounts for the same objects remaining in the hands of disbursing agents at the same time; and the disbursement from the fund for the contingent expenses of missions abroad for the year ending 30th June, 1846: which was ordered to be printed.

The Senate, in pursuance of the 34th rule, proceeded to the appointment, by ballot, of the standing committees; and the following chairmen were appointed, to wit:

Mr. Sevier, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations.
Mr. Lewis, chairman of the Committee on Finance.
Mr. Dix, chairman of the Committee on Commerce.
Mr. Dickinson, chairman of the Committee on Manufactures.
Mr. Sturgeon, chairman of the Committee on Agriculture.
Mr. Benton, chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs.

Whereupon,

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That the 34th rule be suspended so far as relates to the appointment by ballot of the remaining chairmen and the members of the several standing committees; and that the following be the standing committees of the Senate:

A Committee on Foreign Relations, consisting of Mr. Sevier, chairman, Mr. Cass, Mr. Archer, Mr. Atherton, and Mr. Webster.

A Committee on Finance, consisting of Mr. Lewis, chairman, Mr Benton, Mr. Evans, Mr. Speight, and Mr. Huntington.

A Committee on Commerce, consisting of Mr. Dix, chairman, Mr. Pennybacker, Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, Mr. Chalmers, and Mr. Davis.

A Committee on Manufactures, consisting of Mr. Dickinson, chairman, Mr. Colquitt, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Sturgeon, and Mr. Woodbridge.

A Committee on Agriculture, consisting of Mr. Sturgeon, chairman, Mr. Semple, Mr. Upham, Mr. Turney, and Mr. Cilley.

A Committee on Military Affairs, consisting of Mr. Benton, chairman, Mr. Dix, Mr. Crittenden, Mr. Houston, and Mr. Badger.

A Committee on Naval Affairs, consisting of Mr. Fairfield, chairman, Mr. Yulee, Mr. Mangum, Mr. Cameron, and Mr. Miller.

A Committee on the Militia, consisting of Mr. Atchison, chairman, Mr. Semple, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Fairfield, and Mr. Greene.

A Committee on Public Lands, consisting of Mr. Breese, chairman, Mr. Ashley, Mr. Woodbridge, Mr. Bright, and Mr. Corwin.

A Committee on Private Land Claims, consisting of Mr. Yulee, chairman, Mr. Semple, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Pennybacker, and Mr. Greene.

A Committee on Indian Affairs, consisting of Mr. Bagby, chairman, Mr. Atchison, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Sevier, and Mr. Jarnagin.

A Committee of Claims, consisting of Mr. Pennybacker, chairman, Mr. Atchison, Mr. John M. Clayton, Mr. Rusk, and Mr. Johnson, of Maryland.

A Committee on Revolutionary Claims, consisting of Mr. Semple, chairman, Mr. Bright, Mr. Thomas Clayton, Mr. Colquitt, and Mr. Phelps.

A Committee on the Judiciary, consisting of Mr. Ashley, chairman, Mr. Breese, Mr. Berrien, Mr. Westcott, and Mr. Dayton.

A Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, consisting of Mr. Niles, chairman, Mr. Sturgeon, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Rusk, and Mr. Morehead.

A Committee on Roads and Canals, consisting of Mr. Hannegan, chairman, Mr. Turney, Mr. Corwin, Mr. Houston, and Mr. Morehead.

A Committee on Pensions, consisting of Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, chairman, Mr. Ashley, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Atchison, and Mr. Upham.

A Committee on the District of Columbia, consisting of Mr. Cameron, chairman, Mr. Breese, Mr. Miller, Mr. Chalmers, and Mr. Johnson, of Maryland.

A Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, consisting of Mr. Colquitt, chairman, Mr. Turney, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Westcott, and Mr. Davis.

A Committee on Retrenchment, consisting of Mr. Turney, chairman, Mr. Atherton, Mr. Morehead, Mr. Cilley, and Mr. Niles.

A Committee on Territories, consisting of Mr. Westcott, chairman, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Evans, Mr. Chalmers, and Mr. John M. Clayton.

A Committee on Public Buildings, consisting of Mr. Bright, chairman, Mr. Cameron, and Mr. Dayton.

A Committee to audit and control the contingent expenses of the Senate, consisting of Mr. Speight, chairman, Mr. Niles, and Mr. Greene.

A Committee on Printing, consisting of Mr. Atherton, chairman, Mr. Chalmers, and Mr. Simmons.

A Committee on Engrossed Bills, consisting of Mr. Chalmers, chairman, Mr. Rusk, and Mr. Jarnagin.

A Committee on the Library, jointly with the committee appointed by the House of Representatives, consisting of Mr. Pearce, chairman, Mr. Chalmers, and Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Benton presented the petition of Sarah E. Graham, widow of John Graham, deceased, late an officer in the United States naval service, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Niles presented the petition of Seth Banister, praying to be allowed the commutation pay due to his late father as an officer in the revolutionary war.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Crittenden presented the petition of Leslie Combs, praying the payment of certain bonds given by the republic of Texas previous to the annexation of Texas to the United States, and for the security of which the revenues of that republic had been pledged: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. John M. Clayton presented the petition of S. Calvert Ford, late a sutler in the army, praying to be repaid a sum of money placed in the hands of a paymaster of the army, since deceased, and applied by him to the public service: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. John M. Clayton presented the petition of Arnold Naudain, praying compensation for his services in superintending the construction of two floating lights for the port of Wilmington, Delaware, in the years 1843, 1844, and 1845: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of William G. Davis and Mary Ann Davis, praying compensation for the forcible occupation, use, and destruction of their property by troops of the United States, during the war with the Seminole Indians: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Archer presented the petition of George Taylor, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Yulee presented a petition of citizens of East Florida, praying certain amendments to the act of August 4, 1842, to provide for the armed occupation and settlement of the peninsula of East Florida: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Yulee presented the petition of John Capo, praying indemnity for the destruction of property belonging to his late father by troops of the United States, during the invasion of Florida in 1812: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Yulee presented the memorial of A. H. Cole, late a sutler in the army, praying the payment of his claims for advances to United States soldiers in Florida: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Archer presented the petition of Clara McWilliams, praying permission to locate a military land warrant issued for the services of her late father in the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Lewis presented the memorial of Titian R. Peale, praying indemnity for the loss he has sustained while attached to the exploring expedition, in consequence of the wreck of the United States ship Peacock: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Lewis presented the memorial of Joseph Knox Boyd, praying remuneration for his services at the recapture of the frigate Philadelphia in the year 1804: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Evans presented the memorial of John Neal, administrator of James Neal, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That the petition of Nathaniel Kuykendall, on the files of

the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

Ordered, That the memorial of Samuel W. Bell, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

Ordered, That the memorial of Balie Peyton, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That the memorial of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

Ordered, That the petition of John P. Baldwin, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

Ordered, That the memorial of citizens of Florida, on the files of the Senate, relating to spoliations committed in that State by troops of the United States in 1814, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That the documents on the files of the Senate relating to the claim of Bancroft Woodcock, be referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the petition of Calvin Emmons, and the petition of the executor of Uri Emmons, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

On motion by Mr. Upham,

Ordered, That the petition of James Smalley, agent for a regiment of Vermont militia, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Upham,

Ordered, That the petition of Nahum Haskell, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Corwin,

Ordered, That the memorial of the heirs and legal representatives of Benjamin Harrison, deceased, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion by Mr. Dickinson,

Ordered, That the memorial of Jeanette C. Huntington, widow and executrix of William D. Cheever, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Dickinson,

Ordered, That the petition of Haym M. Salomon, presented the 9th instant, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Lewis submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be allowed a clerk, to be paid the usual compensation by the Secretary out of the contingent fund of the Senate.

Mr. Benton submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to in-

quire into the expediency of allowing three months' extra pay to all the officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates of volunteers who have engaged, or shall engage, to serve during the war with Mexico, to be paid at the time of their discharge; also the same allowance to all non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates of the regular army, who shall engage to serve for the same term; also to inquire into the expediency of placing the army, in all its extent, of officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, (militia, volunteers, and regulars,) on the same footing with the officers, petty officers, and seamen in the navy, with respect to pensions for wounds or disabilities received in service, and provision for their families in the event of being killed, or dying in service; and also, with respect to prize-money for public property taken from the enemy, so far as to make the same a fund in the hands of the government for the payment of pensions to the families of those killed or dying in the service.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Crittenden the 10th instant, relative to increasing the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates of the army, including the volunteers, during the war with Mexico: and,

The resolution having been amended on the motion of Mr. Benton, was agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing, during the continuance of the present war with Mexico, the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates of the army of the United States, including the volunteers; and also of providing for the granting of certificates of merit to such of them as may distinguish themselves by personal acts of extraordinary devotion or bravery in the performance of their duty, and that those to whom such certificates are granted shall receive, in virtue thereof, additional pay at the rate of — dollars per month during their continuance in service.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 15, 1846.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied by a report of the acting Commissioner of the General Land Office, showing the operations of that branch of the public service during the last year: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied by two communications from the acting Commissioner of the General Land Office, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, relative to the nett proceeds of the sales of the public lands, situate in the State of Illinois, sold in the Vincennes land district, erroneously credited to the State of Indiana: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, on the expediency of providing by law that ships and vessels navigating the Delaware shall carry lights in the night, in order to avoid collision: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That two hundred and fifty additional copies of the annual report on commerce and navigation be printed for the use of the Treasury Department.

Mr. Dickinson submitted an additional document relating to the claim of the administrator of Jacob Housman, deceased, to indemnity for Indian depredations during the Seminole war: which, with his petition on the files of the Senate, was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dickinson presented a memorial of shipmasters and seamen of the lakes, praying that the harbor of Cattaraugus may be completed and lighted: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Evans presented the petition of Peter Grover, praying remuneration for an injury received while employed in the public service: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Evans presented the petition of Pamela A. S. Dearborn, widow of Greenleaf Dearborn, deceased, late an officer in the army of the United States, praying to be allowed certain arrears of pay: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the memorial of Ann B. Cox, widow and executrix of Nathaniel Cox, deceased, praying the payment of a balance ascertained to be due her on a settlement of the accounts of her late husband as navy agent at New Orleans: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the petition of Elisha L. Keen, praying the reimbursement of a sum of money advanced by him for the public service while engaged in transporting recruits for the navy during the last war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the petition of William H. Bassett, praying the payment of certain fees and allowances due him as United States marshal for the western district of Louisiana: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of Maria S. Johnston, executrix of Charles Johnston, deceased; the memorial of Elizabeth Lester, executrix of Robert Courtenay, deceased; and the memorial of Marianne R. Champayne, widow of John R. Champayne, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which were referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of James Mc McIntosh, an officer in the navy, praying compensation for performing, while a lieutenant, duties belonging to officers of a higher grade: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Cilley presented the memorial of the representatives of Thomas Manning, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the petition of Jones and Boker and others, praying payment of the amount of certain treasury notes stolen from the mail by a person in the service of the Post Office Department: which, with the documents relating thereto on the files of the Senate, was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Calhoun presented the memorial of George Harvey, in behalf of the owners and consignees of the ship James Mitchell, praying the payment of

a balance of an appropriation retained in the Treasury and claimed by them as costs decreed to be paid by the libellant: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Calhoun presented the memorial of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce, praying the erection of a new custom-house at that place: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of Robert Deidericks, praying compensation for a package of merchandise lost by the custom-house officers at the port of New York, after having been deposited in the public store: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dix presented resolutions adopted by the Chamber of Commerce of the city of New York, in favor of a grant of public land to aid in the construction of a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company and other marine insurance companies of the city of New York, praying the establishment of a permanent court of admiralty at Key West, in Florida: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of the marine insurance companies of the city of New York, praying the adoption of measures for the better security of commerce on the coast of Florida and near the harbor of New York: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of the Pilot's Association of the city of New York, praying the repeal of the act of March 2, 1837, concerning pilots: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of James B. Johnson and others, formerly indented apprentices of licensed pilots of the city of New York, praying the repeal of the act of March 2, 1837, concerning pilots: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the petition of Joseph de la Francia, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the memorial of the heirs and legal representatives of Louis de la Houssaye, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion by Mr. Sturgeon,

Ordered, That the petition of Andrew Moore, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Morehead,

Ordered, That the petition of Pearson Cogswell, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That the memorial of Joshua Dodge, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Semple asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 1) to extend the national road to the city of Alton, on the Mississippi river: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Semple asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 2) to grant a portion of the public land to the State of Illinois to aid in the completion of the Illinois and Michigan canal; which was read the

first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: I am directed to communicate to the Senate information of the decease of the Hon. Felix G. McConnell, a member of the House of Representatives from the State of Alabama, and the proceedings of the House of Representatives thereon.

Mr. Lewis submitted the following resolutions, which were considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Senate has received with deep sensibility the message from the House of Representatives announcing the death of the Honorable Felix Grundy McConnell, a representative from the State of Alabama.

Resolved, unanimously, That the members of the Senate, from a sincere desire of showing every mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That, as a further mark of respect for the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now adjourn.

Whereupon,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1846.

The Hon. James F. Simmons, from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, attended.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, in relation to the establishment of a marine hospital in the State of Maine.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce, and printed.

Mr. Mangum presented the memorial of John Hogan, praying compensation for his services, and reimbursement of expenses while acting as commissioner and special agent of the United States to the republic of Dominica in the year 1845: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Chalmers presented the memorial of Susan E. Gordon, representative of George Fisher, deceased, praying compensation for property used or destroyed by United States troops during the Creek hostilities: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dickinson presented two memorials of seamen and others navigating the lakes, praying that the harbor at Cattaraugus may be completed and lighted: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Fairfield presented the petition of Judith Whitten, widow of James Hibbert, a deceased naval seaman, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Fairfield presented the petition of Nathaniel Phillips, formerly a seaman in the naval service, praying to be allowed arrears of pension: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Bagby presented the petition of William Barclay, praying the confirmation of his title to a tract of land: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Bagby presented the petition of Lloyd Slemmer, praying to be allowed the pay of an acting master's mate in the navy during the time he performed the duties of that station: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Bagby presented the petition of Richard G. Dove, praying compensation for his services as assistant messenger in the office of the Third Auditor of the Treasury: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Thomas Clayton presented a petition of citizens of the State of Delaware, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the existing war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Pearce presented the memorial of Columbus Alexander and Theodore Barnard, praying to be indemnified for losses sustained in consequence of an alleged violation, on the part of the government, of their contract to execute the printing of the Navy Department: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Benton submitted additional documents relating to the petition of Sarah E. Graham: which were referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Benton presented the petition of Richard M. Livingston, administrator of James Livingston, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Atchison presented the memorial of Thomas Talbot and others, citizens of Missouri, trading between that State and the province of New Mexico, praying indemnity for depredations committed upon their property in the year 1827, by a band of Pawnee Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Atchison presented two petitions of citizens of Missouri, praying the establishment of a mail route from St. Joseph to Alexandria, in that State: which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Atchison presented the petition of Thomas H. Noble, praying compensation for a quantity of charcoal furnished under contract for the use of the government: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of S. D. Dakin, for himself and others, owners and patentees of an improved plan of dry-dock, praying that the Secretary of the Navy may be authorized by law to contract with them for the construction of dry-docks at the several naval stations of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Sturgeon submitted additional documents relating to the petition of Andrew Moore: which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Cass presented a petition of inhabitants of Saut de Ste. Marie, in the State of Michigan, praying the appointment of a board of commissioners for adjusting the titles to lands within the limits of that settlement, and the removal of the military post now established there to some other place on the St. Mary's river: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Cass presented the petition of C. W. Fitch, in behalf of himself and the other heirs of Daniel Henshaw, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Westcott presented the memorial of the administrator of William Bunce, deceased, praying compensation for property destroyed by order

of the officer commanding the army in Florida during the Seminole war: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That the petition of Jesse D. Elliott, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Atherton,

Ordered, That the petition of the heirs of Crocker Sampson, deceased, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That the petition of Wade Allen, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That the petition of William C. Easton, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That the documents on the files of the Senate relating to the claim of Thomas Rhodes be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Pearce,

Ordered, That the memorial of John L. Warden, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Pearce,

Ordered, That the petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton, widow of Alexander Hamilton, deceased, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Library.

On motion by Mr. Thomas Clayton,

Ordered, That the petition of Daniel Homans, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the petition of Caleb Green, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Miller,

Ordered, That the resolutions of the legislature of the State of New Jersey, and the several petitions from citizens of that State, on the files of the Senate, against the repeal of the act of March 2, 1837, concerning pilots, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Miller,

Ordered, That the petition of the inhabitants of Jersey City, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the petition of Clara H. Pike, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the petition of William B. Keene, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion by Mr. Niles,

Ordered, That the petition of John Russell, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Barrow,

Ordered, That the petition of Bethiah Healy, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Morehead,

Ordered, That the petition of David Whelpley, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton,

Ordered, That the petition of Joseph Watson, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the petition of Hugh W. Dobbin, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

Ordered, That the resolutions of the legislature of the State of Florida, on the files of the Senate, relating to the location of the school lands in that State, together with the documents relating thereto, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

Ordered, That the memorials of citizens of Florida, on the files of the Senate, with the documents relating thereto, on the subject of the erection of defences in that State, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

Ordered, That the memorial of Alexander Watson, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Corwin,

Ordered, That the memorial of Cadwallader Wallace, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Greene submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a mail route from the Washington village, in the town of Coventry, in the State of Rhode Island, by the way of Maple Root meeting-house, Weaver's hill, and East Coheag hill, in West Greenwich, to the town of Voluntown, in the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Turney submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing to the volunteers who were discharged in Mexico in consequence of sickness their pay for the full term of their enlistment.

Mr. Atchison submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be required to procure for the use of the Senate ten thousand copies of the topographical map of the road from Missouri to Oregon, compiled by Charles Preuss; the cost not to exceed twenty-six hundred dollars.

Mr. Semple submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the propriety of relinquishing to the States of Illinois and Indiana all that part of the national road within their limits, and of granting to said States a quantity of land which will be adequate to the completion of said road to the Mississippi river.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Commiteee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to indemnify the officers, seamen, and marines of the United States frigate Missouri, for the losses sustained by them by the destruction, by fire, of the said frigate at Gibraltar, on the 2d August, 1843.

Mr. Breese submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making appropriations for such harbors in the United States as the safety of navigation and the interests of commerce require.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Ashley asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 3) to establish a permanent general pre-emption system in favor of actual settlers on the public lands: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Breese, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 4) to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands, and for other purposes: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Breese, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 5) for the relief of Joseph Wilson: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and, with the papers on file, referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Upham, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 6) changing the places and fixing the times for holding the circuit and district courts in the district of Vermont: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Evans asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 7) granting a pension to John Clark: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Woodbridge, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 8) to amend an act confirming certain land claims in the State of Michigan: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and, with the papers on file, referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Woodbridge, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in the following bills:

S. 9. Bill to apply certain alternate sections of the public domain towards the completion of works of internal improvement in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes.

S. 10. Bill to establish a land office in the northern part of Michigan, and to provide for the sale of mineral lands in the State of Michigan and Territory of Wisconsin.

The said bills were read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands, with the documents on file relating to the same.

Mr. Woodbridge, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 11) for the relief of Shadrack Gillet and others: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and, with the papers relating thereto on file, referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Evans, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 12) granting a pension to Joseph Morrison: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Evans, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 13) for the relief of Mary Mac Rea, widow of Lieutenant Colonel William Mac Rea, late of the United States army, deceased: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Evans asked and obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. R. 1) in favor of David Shaw and Solomon T. Corser: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Crittenden, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 14) to provide for the improvement of the navigation of the rivers Ohio, Mississippi, Missouri, and Arkansas: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted the 10th inst. by Mr. Semple, relative to the transmission of letters and papers to and from the officers and soldiers in Mexico; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Semple, the 10th instant, respecting an additional judicial district in Illinios: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted the 14th instant by Mr. Benton, respecting the allowance of extra pay to the officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates who have engaged or shall engage to serve during the war with Mexico: and the resolution was agreed to.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution for the appointment of two chaplains, of different denominations, to serve during the present session, and who shall interchange weekly: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have appointed a Committee on Enrolled Bills on their part, in pursuance of the joint rules of the two Houses, consisting of Mr. Wheaton, of New York, and Mr. Biggs, of North Carolina.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives for the appointment of chaplains to Congress for the present session: and,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

On motion by Mr. Cameron, the Senate proceeded to the election of a chaplain on their part; and on counting the ballots, it appeared that the Rev. Henry Slicer was duly elected.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to foreign affairs be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to a tariff of duties on imports, to the collection, custody, and disbursement of the public moneys, and to the revenues of the federal government generally, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the navy and naval service be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Nr. Niles,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the Post Office Department be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to military affairs be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the commerce and navigation of the United States be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Dickinson,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to manufactures be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to temporary territorial governments in the provinces of Mexico, taken possession of by the army of the United States, be referred to the Committee on Territories.

On motion by Mr. Sevier, the vote on the last mentioned motion by Mr. Westcott was reconsidered: and,

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the public lands, graduating and reducing the price thereof, and to the sale of the mineral lands, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 17, 1846.

Mr. Davis presented a memorial of the representatives of the yearly meeting of the Society of Friends for New England, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the existing war with Mexico.

On motion, by Mr. Davis, that it be printed,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims and the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the several memorials and petitions on the subject of indemnity for French spoliations.

prior to 1800, and that they be referred to a select committee, consisting of five members, to be appointed by the Vice President: and

Mr. Morehead, Mr. Cass, Mr. Badger, Mr. Atherton, and Mr. Ashley, were accordingly appointed.

Mr. John M. Clayton presented the memorial of John Livingston, one of the heirs of John Livingston, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the select committtee on the subject.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of the executrix of Alexander McKim, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of the heirs of Thomas Rutter, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Mr. Greene presented the memorial of David Melville, administrator of Benjamin Fry, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Mr. Cilley presented the memorial of John McClintock and others, citizens of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in behalf of themselves and as representatives of deceased claimants, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Mr. Fairfield presented a memorial of Wilmot Wood and others, citizens of Wiscasset, Maine, in their own behalf and as representatives of deceased claimants, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the select committee on the subject.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the petition of the heirs of Abner L. Duncan, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committtee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Semple,

Ordered, That the petition of the heirs of John Rice Jones, deceased, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the petition of Philip R. J. Friese, and the petition of John McColgan, on the files of the Senate, be severally referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the petition of Erskine and Eichelberger, and the petition of the executor of James Leander Cathcart, deceased, on the files of the Senate, be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the memorial of Richard S. Coxe, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Barrow,

Ordered, That the documents on the files of the Senate, relating to the claim of William De Buys, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Simmons,

Ordered, That the petition of Robert Purkis, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Blanchard, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

On motion by Mr. Cameron,

Ordered, That the petition of the mechanics and laborers in the navy yard at Washington, in the District of Columbia, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the documents on the files of the Senate relating to the claim of Peter Engles, senior, and the documents on the files of the Senate relating to the claim of Elizabeth Pistole, widow of Charles Pistole, deceased, be severally referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That so much of the President's message as refers to the trial and punishment of certain persons who shall engage in privateering against the United States be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Yulee submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce inquire and report what provision is necessary to repair the injury occasioned by the late gale to the marine hospital at Key West, and to the light-houses on the Florida coast.

Mr. Breese submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to furnish the Senate with a statement of all appropriations made for the construction and repair of roads, fortifications, and harbors, and for the improvement of rivers, in each and all of the States and Territories of the United States, showing the amount and period of each appropriation and expenditure.

Mr. Semple submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making, by law, a general provision as to the right of way over the public lands of all such roads as have been or may be established and authorized to be opened through such lands by authority of any of the State legislatures.

Mr. Yulee submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate cause to be engraved the topographical map of the peninsula of Florida, prepared under direction of the War Department, and furnished to the Senate in compliance with a resolution.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 15) to provide for the completion of the marine hospital and erection of a custom-house in the port of New Orleans: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Speight asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 16) to establish a branch of the mint of the United States in the city of Charleston: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Ashley asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 17) to increase the compensation of the deputy surveyors in Arkansas: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Ashley asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 18) to divide the district of Arkansas into two judicial districts:

which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Dix asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 19) to establish a branch of the mint of the United States in the city of New York: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Yulee asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 20) to provide for the construction of a dry dock at Pensacola, for the use of the navy of the United States: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Semple asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 21) to establish an armory at Massac, on the Ohio river, in the State of Illinois: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Breese asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 22) to grant to the State of Illinois the right of way through the public lands, and for other purposes: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Breese asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 23) declaring the assent of Congress to certain States to impose a tax upon all lands hereafter sold by the United States therein from and after the day of such sale: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Breese asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 24) authorizing persons to whom reservations of land have been made under Indian treaties to alienate the same in fee: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Cass asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 25) for the settlement of the claim of John R. Williams: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Breese, the 16th instant, in relation to appropriations for certain harbors: and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted the 16th instant, by Mr. Atchison, to authorize the procuring of copies of the map of the road from Missouri to Oregon: and the resolution was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That a Committee on Enrolled Bills on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President of the Senate, in pursuance of the joint rules of the two Houses: and

Mr. Bright and Mr. Jarnagin were appointed accordingly.

On motion,

Mr. Turney was excused from serving on the Committee on Roads and Canals.

On motion by Mr. Corwin,

Ordered, That a member be appointed by the Vice President to fill the vacancy: and

Mr. Semple was appointed accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Barrow,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1846.

The Hon. Jesse D. Bright, from the State of Indiana, and the Hon. Samuel Houston and the Hon. Thomas J. Rusk, from the State of Texas, attended.

Mr. Calhoun presented the credentials of the Hon. Andrew P. Butler, chosen a Senator by the legislature of the State of South Carolina, for the unexpired term of the Hon. George McDuffie, resigned; and the oath prescribed by law was administered to Mr. Butler, and he took his seat in the Senate.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Postmaster General, made in pursuance of a joint resolution of the two Houses, on the claim of Seth M. Leavenworth, for damages alleged to have been sustained in consequence of the transfer to another person of a contract with him for carrying the mail.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the memorial of Margaret Carnick, widow of Daniel Carmick, deceased, late an officer in the marine corps, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Dickinson presented the memorial of Benjamin Blagge, heir of Crowel Hatch and Samuel Blagge, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Niles presented the memorial of the trustees of Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, praying a remission of the duties on certain philosophical instruments imported for the use of that institution: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Niles presented the petition of James Riley, praying compensation for the services of his late father as an officer during the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Fairfield presented the petition of the heirs-at-law of William Frost, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary war, praying to be allowed commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Breese presented the memorial of John M. Moore, late chief clerk in the office of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, praying compensation for extra duties performed by him in that office: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of Sarah Ann Hart, widow, and Monmouth B. Hart, Joel Kelly, and William Close, sureties of Benjamin F. Hart, deceased, a purser in the navy, who was drowned at sea, praying to be allowed a credit equal to the balance appearing against him on the settlement of his accounts; and that the pension to his widow may be continued: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of George Wilkes, praying the adoption of measures for the construction of a national railroad from the Missouri

river to the Pacific ocean: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Dix presented eight memorials of citizens of New York, praying the adoption of measures for the construction of a national railroad from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean: which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Miller presented a petition of citizens of New Jersey, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the existing war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Berrien presented the memorial of the legal representative of Joseph Wilson, deceased, a soldier in the revolutionary war, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Berrien presented the memorial of the Savannah Chamber of Commerce, praying the removal of obstructions to the navigation of the Savannah river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Berrien presented a memorial of the Savannah Chamber of Commerce and citizens of Savannah, Georgia, praying an additional appropriation for constructing a custom-house at that place: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Archer presented the petition of William Sanders and Wiliam R. Porter, praying to be released from a judgment obtained against them by the United States, as sureties of William Estis, formerly a paymaster in the army: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Bright submitted documents in relation to the claim of the heirs of James Stagg, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, to a pension; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Fairfield presented the memorial of Elizabeth H. Thatcher, only surviving child of John Wardrobe, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Mr. Pearce presented the memorial of the widow of Henry Dashiell, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Mr. Pearce presented the memorial of the representative of John Dumeste, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Mr. Miller presented the memorial of Roswell Colt, for himself and as trustee of the estate of Lemuel Taylor, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Mr. Cilley presented the memorial of Lucy Seaward, executrix of John H. Seaward, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Mr. Archer presented the memorial of the legal representatives of Alexander Macaulay, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Mr. John M. Clayton presented the memorial of the representatives of Joseph and George R. Massy, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Mr. John M. Clayton presented the memorial of the administrator of John Burte, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the select committee on the subject of French spoliations.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the petition of Maria S. Nourse, widow of Joseph Nourse, deceased, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That the petition of James H. Causten, assignee of John B. Hogan, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That the petition of Hugh Wallace Wormley, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the petition of Peter Von Schmidt, on the files of the Senate, praying compensation for a model of a dry dock furnished for the United States commissioner to China, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

Ordered, That the memorial of the representative of William Russwurm, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion by Mr. Corwin,

Ordered, That the memorial of Josephine Nourse, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That the documents relating to the claim of Hobson Johns, and the petition of Charles M. Gibson, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That the petition of the legal representative of George Mayo, deceased, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Woodbridge,

Ordered, That the petition of John Bronson, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Barrow submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to inform the Senate if any officer or agent of the United States was sent by him, or by his direction, to Havana, to advise, procure, or in any manner promote the return of Santa Anna to Mexico; and if so, who was the officer or agent, and what were his instructions, and when he was sent on such mission; also, that he inform the Senate by what means, and through what channel, Santa Anna was informed that an order was issued to the commander of our naval forces in the Gulf directing said commander not to obstruct his (Santa Anna's) return to Mexico; and also, that he transmit to the Senate copies of any correspondence in the possession of the government relative to the terms or conditions on which Santa Anna was permitted to pass through our blockading squadron, or in any manner relating to the subject of Santa Anna's return to Mexico.

Mr. Semple submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be instructed to inquire into the justice and propriety of granting to the ancient French in-

habitants of Peoria, in the State of Illinois, a quantity of land equivalent in value to the lots in the present city of Peoria to which they can show title by virtue of their former occupation of the same.

Mr. Atchison submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be authorized to employ a clerk during the present session of Congress.

Mr. Semple submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate all such information (the publication of which will not be prejudicial to the public service) as will show the situation of the claims of citizens of the United States against the late republic of Colombia; whether there is any prospect of a settlement of the same; and whether it is, or is not, necessary for Congress to adopt measures for the speedy assertion of the just rights of the claimants.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution, by unanimous consent: and,

On motion by Mr. Semple,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Dickinson asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 26) to amend the act entitled "An act for the regulation of seamen on board the public and private vessels of the United States," passed the 3d of March, 1813: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Semple asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 27) to remodel the consular establishment of the United States: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Breese asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 28) to create the office of surveyor general of the public lands in the Territory of Oregon, and to grant donation rights to settlers therein, and for other purposes: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Barrow asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 29) to provide for the survey of the mouth of Red river, in the State of Louisiana: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Atchison asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 30) for the relief of John Paul Jones: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 31) to amend the act approved June, 1844, entitled "An act to provide for the adjustment of land claims within the States of Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana, and in those parts of the States of Mississippi and Alabama south of the 31st degree of north latitude, and between the Mississippi and Perdido rivers: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committeee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on the Library, to whom was referred the memorial of Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton, reported a bill (S. 32) for the relief of Elizabeth Hamilton, widow of Alexander Hamilton: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted the 17th instant by Mr. Yulee, in relation to engraving a map of Florida: and,

On motion by Mr. Niles,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted the 17th instant by Mr. Breese, in relation to a statement of all appropriations for the construction and repair of roads, fortifications, and harbors, and for the improvement of rivers: and the resolution was agreed to.

On motion,

Mr. Atchison was excused from serving on the Committee of Claims.

On motion,

Mr. John M. Clayton was excused from serving on the Committee of Claims.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have chosen the Rev. William J. Sprole, of the Presbyterian denomination, chaplain on their part.

The House of Representatives have passed the following bills and joint resolutions:

H. R. 175. An act for the relief of Joseph Warren Newcomb;

H. R. 184. An act for the relief of Jacob L. Vance;

H. R. 203. An act to increase the pension of Roswell Hale;

H. R. 206. An act for the relief of Joshua Shaw;

H. R. 211. An act for the relief of Frederick Hopkins, of the county of Chenango, in the State of New York;

H. R. 218. An act for the relief of Josiah Haskell;

H. R. 249. An act for the relief of the heirs of John Whitsitt, deceased, late of Lafayette county, Missouri;

H. R. 247. An act for the relief of Job Hawkins;

H. R. 255. An act for the relief of William J. Price;

H. R. 256. An act for the relief of Joseph and Lindsay Ward, of Wisconsin Territory;

H. R. 261. An act for the relief of the heirs of Sergeant Major John Champe;

H. R. 265. An act for the relief of Zachariah Simmons, of the State of Tennessee;

H. R. 279. An act for the relief of Doctor Clark Lillybridge;

H. R. 280. An act for the relief of W. P. S. Sanger and George F. de la Roche;

H. R. 313. An act for the relief of the heirs of General Thomas Sumpter, late of South Carolina, deceased;

H. R. 331. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas Shields, deceased;

H. R. 359. And act for the relief of John Speakman;

H. R. 404. An act for the relief of Julius Eldred, Elisha Eldred, and Francis E. Eldred, for expenses and services in removing the copper rock from lake Superior;

H. R. 12. Joint resolution authorizing and directing the examination and settlement of the claims of Alexander M. Cumming;

H. R. 21. Joint resolution for the relief of William B. Stokes, surviving partner of John Stockton and Company;

in which bills and resolutions they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The said bills and joint resolutions from the House of Representatives were read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 206 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; that the bills numbered 280 and 331 be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs; that the bills numbered 255 and 279 be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs; that the bills numbered 184, 218, 256, and 359, be referred to the Committee of Claims; that the bills numbered 175, 261, and 313, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims; that the bills numbered 249 and 404 be referred to the Committee on Public Lands; that the bills numbered 203, 211, 247, and 265, be referred to the Committee on Pensions; and that the joint resolutions numbered 12 and 21 be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1846.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of shipmasters, seamen, and others, navigating the lakes, praying that the harbor at Cattaraugus, on lake Erie, may be completed and lighted: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Rusk presented the memorial of James W. Simmons, representative of William Broadfoot, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of the heirs of Henry Stouffer, deceased, and the memorial of the widow and executrix of Henry Dashiell, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the select committee on the subject of French spoliations.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of the president and professors of Mount St. Mary's College, in the State of Maryland, praying that books and philosophical apparatus imported into the United States for the use of colleges or seminaries of learning may be admitted free of duty: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of the president and directors of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company, praying a relinquishment to the company of the stock therein owned by the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Archer submitted documents in relation to the claim of George Roush, a revolutionary soldier, to a pension: which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Archer presented the memorial of Thomas J. Randolph, praying the purchase by the United States of certain manuscript papers devised to him by the late Thomas Jefferson: which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

Mr. Yulee presented a petition of citizens of the town of Fernandina, Florida, praying that the title to a certain tract of land heretofore used by the inhabitants of that place as a burial ground may be vested in the local authorities of Fernandina: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Yulee presented the memorial of Thomas Douglass, late United States district attorney for the district of East Florida, praying compensation for his services in defending suits instituted against the United States on private land claims in said district: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Benton presented the petition of John McNeil, an officer in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Dayton,

Ordered, That the petition of William Fuller and Orlando Saltmarsh, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Semple submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of incorporating a company to construct a railroad from some point on the Missouri river, west of the limits of the State of Missouri, to the mouth of the Columbia river.

Mr. Rusk submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the propriety of adopting the rifle more extensively in the service, and that they be requested to recommend a suitable model of a rifle to be used.

Mr. Rusk submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the propriety of providing by law for the transportation of a mail semi-weekly from New Orleans to the headquarters of the army beyond the Rio Grande.

Mr. Woodbridge submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Library inquire into the expediency of supplying such of the new States as have not been furnished therewith by the United States with a competent number of entire sets of the statutory laws of the United States.

Mr. Benton submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the benefit of the pension system to the enlisted men in the ordnance service.

Mr. Benton submitted a document in relation to the subject of extending the pension laws to the enlisted men in the ordnance service: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 33) to authorize the relinquishment of the 16th section in certain cases, and the selection of other lands in lieu thereof: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Dix asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 34) for the relief of Thomas Brownell: which was read the first and

second times, by unanimous consent, and, with the papers on file, referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Bagby asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 35) authorizing the payment of interest upon the advances made by the State of Alabama for the use of the United States government, in the suppression of the Creek Indian hostilities of 1836 and 1837, in Alabama: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and, with the papers on file, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Cass asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 36) for the relief of John Stockton, late a lieutenant in the army of the United States: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Semple asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 37) for the relief of the heirs of James Rumsey: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Semple asked and obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. R. 2) proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, in relation to the judicial power.

The said resolution was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent; and,

On motion by Mr. Semple,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 13) for the relief of Mary Mac Rea, widow of Lieutenant Colonel William Mac Rea, late of the United States army, deceased, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Archer, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the memorial of Joshua Dodge, reported a bill (S. 38) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4) to reduce and graduate the price of public lands, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3) to establish a permanent general pre-emption system in favor of actual settlers on the public lands, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom the following bills were referred:

S. 9. A bill to apply certain alternate sections of the public domain towards the completion of works of internal improvement in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes;

S. 10. A bill to establish a land office in the northern part of Michigan, and to provide for the sale of mineral lands in the State of Michigan and Territory of Wisconsin;

reported the same without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Barrow, the 21st instant, in relation to the return of Santa Anna to Mexico; and,

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Tuesday, the 4th of January next.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the President of the Senate supply the vacancies in the Committee of Claims; and

Mr. Butler and Mr. Phelps were accordingly appointed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 528) granting a pension to Patrick Kelley; also a bill (H. R. 557) for the admission of the State of Iowa in the Union; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 528) granting a pension to Patrick Kelley, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The bill (H. R. 557) for the admission of the State of Iowa into the Union, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1846.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of ship-owners and merchants of the city of New York, praying an amendment of the law authorizing legal proceedings for the collection of seamen's wages: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dickinson presented the petition of C. P. Van Ness, late collector of the customs, praying the payment of his proportion of a forfeiture incurred by the illegal importation of certain goods into the district of Vermont: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Atchison presented the petition of citizens of Mercer county, Missouri, praying the establishment of a mail route from Tully to St. Joseph, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Archer presented the memorial of Josiah Colston, a purser in the navy, praying that the accounting officers of the Treasury may be directed to allow certain items suspended in the settlement of his accounts: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the petition of William Morrow, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Yulee,

Ordered, That the petition of Peter Capella, administrator of Andrew Capella, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the memorial of Oscar F. Pittman, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That Elijah White have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Yulee submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the suitableness of iron as a material of construction for vessels of war.

Resolved further, That the same committee inquire into the expediency of providing for the construction and repair of all vessels required for the use of the navy of the United States by contract.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the Indian tribes be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That the memorial of Maria Loubet, legal representative of Jean Baptiste Lomagne, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Dickinson asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 39) in relation to the district courts of the United States in the State of New York: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Yulee asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 40) for the relief of Fernando Fillany: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Breese asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 41) to organize a territorial government in the Oregon Territory, and for other purposes: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Semple, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, reported a bill (S. 42) to provide for completing the Cumberland Road in, and ceding the same to, the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Semple, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the legal representatives of John Rice Jones, deceased, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 43) for their relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Atherton, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Mr. Yulee, the 17th instant, for printing a map of Florida, reported in favor of printing the same.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution, with the report of the Committee on Printing thereon: and,

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Atherton, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred a memorial of the representatives of the Society of Friends of New England, reported that the same be not printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report.

On motion by Mr. Davis to amend the report, by striking out the word "not,"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 21 / Nays, ... 21

On motion by Mr. Davis,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Barrow, Berrien, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Greene, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Morehead, Niles, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Houston, Lewis, Semple, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

The Senate being equally divided, the Vice President determined the question in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That the report lie on the table.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 23) declaring the assent of Congress to certain States to impose a tax upon all lands hereafter sold by the United States therein from and after the day of such sale, reported it without amendment; and submitted a report on the subject, which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 28) to create the office of surveyor general of the public lands in the Territory of Oregon, and to grant donation rights to settlers therein, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Yulee, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William B. Keene, reported a bill (S. 44) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 45) to repeal the act of the second of March, 1837, entitled "An act concerning pilots:" which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Semple, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of Lieutenant Crocker Sampson, deceased, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 46) for their relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a memorial of Thomas Douglass, reported a bill (S. 47) for the relief of Thomas Douglass, late United States attorney for East Florida: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of Richard S. Coxe, reported a bill (S. 48) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 404) for the relief of Julius Eldred, Elisha Eldred, and Francis E. Eldred, for expenses and services in removing the copper rock from lake Superior, reported it without amendment.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1846.

Mr. Breese presented the petition of Philip Pearce, praying the right of pre-emption to a certain tract of land: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. John M. Clayton presented a petition of citizens of Delaware, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Cass presented the petition of Naomi Davis, widow of Daniel Davis, deceased, an officer in the last war with Great Britain, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

Ordered, That the petition of William H. Hildreth, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

Ordered, That the petition of Madison Allen, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the petition of George Gordon, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That the memorial of the Cherokee Indians, on the files of the Senate, praying payment of their claims agreeably to the 8th and 12th articles of the treaty of 1835, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That the petition of Elijah White, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the petition of Francis Sommeraner, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Henshaw, and others, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the petition of Blair & Rives, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Butler,

Ordered, That the petition of Milledge Galphin, legal representative of George Galphin, deceased, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Semple submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the patent laws as to make a patent, when granted, valid as to the public until vacated by due process of law, and that in all cases positive injunctions issue against those infringing the patent right until such patent be so vacated.

Mr. Woodbridge submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision for the construction of additional works at Fort Gratiot, near the outlet of lake Huron, and of connecting the same with the military works at Sand Hill, in the State of Michigan, with leave to report by bill or otherwise; and that the communications from the War Department of the date of April 17th, 1840, of the

4th December, 1845, and of the 20th January, 1846, on the same subject, be referred to the same committee.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Morehead asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 49) to extend the time for selling the lands granted to the Kentucky Asylum for teaching the deaf and dumb.

Mr. Bagby, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. R. 3) explanatory of an act for the relief of Mary Ann Linton: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Pensions, with the accompanying documents.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Ashley asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 50) to grant a quantity of public land to the State of Arkansas for the purposes of internal improvement: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the following bills were referred:

S. 7. A bill granting a pension to John Clark;

S. 12. A bill granting a pension to Joseph Morrison;

reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Hugh W. Dobbin, reported a bill (S. 51) to allow arrearages of pension to Hugh W. Dobbin, an officer in the late war: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 19) to establish a branch mint of the United States in the city of New York, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Speight, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 16) to establish a branch mint of the United States in the city of Charleston, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the resolution (S. R. 1) in favor of David Shaw and Solomon T. Corser, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 557) for the admission of the State of Iowa into the Union, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Yulee to amend the bill by adding thereto the following: "*Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be construed as authorizing any diversion of the lands at any time granted to the Territory or State of Iowa, from the purposes directed by the acts making such grants:*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 2 / Nays, ... 40

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Woodbridge and Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Badger, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Greene, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Mangum, Morehead, Niles, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Westcott.

No amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the resolution (S. R. 2) proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States in relation to the judicial power: and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and be printed.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, December 28, 1846.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the compensation of pension agents be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Speight presented the petition of Alfred White, late postmaster at Smithdale, Mississippi, praying to be indemnified against a judgment obtained against him by the United States for the recovery of an alleged deficiency in his accounts: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of the trustees of Columbia College, in the city of New York, praying that books, maps, charts, and scientific and philosophical apparatus, imported into the United States for the use of colleges and seminaries of learning, may be admitted free of duty: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of Peter Parker, praying compensation for diplomatic services in China: which was referred to the Committe on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Evans presented the memorial of the members of the Faculty of Bowdoin College, Maine, praying that colleges and other literary and scientific institutions may be permitted to import books and philosophical apparatus free of duties: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Archer presented the memorial of William M. Blackford, late charge d'affaires of the United States to the republic of New Granada, praying an allowance for his expenses on his return to the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Huntington presented a memorial of James Goodrich and others, citizens of New Haven, Connecticut, praying indemnity for French spolia-

tions prior to 1800: which was referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Davis presented the memorial of W. T. G. Morton, offering to the government, for the use of the army and navy, the purchase of his process for preventing pain in surgical operations.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That it be referred to a select committee consisting of three members, to be appointed by the Vice President: and

Mr. Cass, Mr. Badger, and Mr. Sturgeon were appointed the committee.

Mr. Breese presented the memorial of Uriah Brown, proposing to sell to the United States the right to use his system of coast and harbor defence: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented a petition of citizens of the parish of St. Mary, Louisiana, engaged in the cultivation and manufacture of sugar, praying the repeal of the act of July 30, 1846, reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Semple submitted additional documents relating to the claim of the legal representative of James Lecaze, deceased, late of the firm of Lecaze and Mallett: which, with the memorial on the files of the Senate, were referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Westcott presented a preamble and resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Florida, requesting the Senators and Representative of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the removal of the Seminole Indians from the limits of that State: which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Greene,

Ordered, That the petition of the Faculty of Brown University, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Upham,

Ordered, That the petition of Azel Spalding, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Sturgeon,

Ordered, That the petition of J. F. Caldwell, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the petition of the Mexican Gulf Railway Company, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Jarnagin submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War communicate to the Senate copies of all instructions given by the War Department, or from the office of Indian Affairs, to all or any of the commissioners from time to time appointed to adjudicate claims under the treaty of 1835–'6, between the United States and the Cherokee nation of Indians.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 557) for the admission of the State of Iowa into the Union.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Berrien asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 52) to remit and refund to the State of Georgia a certain amount of duties on railroad iron imported by the said State, and laid down on the

Western and Atlantic railroad within the limits of the same: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 53) for the relief of the legal representatives of Jacques Moulon: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Corwin, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a memorial of Cadwallader Wallace, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 54) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report, with the accompanying documents, be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a bill (S. 17) to increase the compensation of deputy surveyors in Arkansas, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ashley also submitted a report on the subject, which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the petition of Jones and Boker and others, reported a bill (S. 55) for the relief of the several persons therein named: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Mangum asked and obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. R. 4) for the relief of William H. Thomas: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, (H. R. 557,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 557) this day reported to have been examined; and it was delivered to the committee, to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bill (S. 32) for the relief of Elizabeth Hamilton, widow of Alexander Hamilton, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 12

On motion by Mr. Turney,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Badger, Bagby, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Morehead, Phelps, Semple, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Upham, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Dix, Fairfield, Niles, Turney, Westcott.

The said bill was read a third time by unanimous consent, and the title was amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act authorizing the purchase of the papers of Alexander Hamilton."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1846.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1846.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, having announced the demise of the Hon. Alexander Barrow,

Mr. Mangum submitted the following resolutions; which were considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved unanimously, That a committee be appointed by the Vice President, to take order for superintending the funeral of the Hon. Alexander Barrow, which will take place to-morrow, at 12 o'clock meridian; and that the Senate will attend the same.

Resolved unanimously, That the members of the Senate, from a sincere desire of showing every mark of respect due to the memory of the Hon. Alexander Barrow, deceased, late a member thereof, will go into mourning for him one month, by the usual mode of wearing crape on the left arm.

Resolved unanimously, That, as an additional mark of respect for the memory of the Hon. Alexander Barrow, the Senate do now adjourn.

The Vice President having appointed Mr. Mangum, Mr. Berrien, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Speight, Mr. Corwin, and Mr. Cass, the committee of arrangement,

Ordered, That the Secretary communicate these proceedings to the House of Representatives.

Whereupon,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1846.

The Senate, in pursuance of their resolution of yesterday, attended the funeral of the Hon. Alexander Barrow; and, having returned to their Chamber,

On motion by Mr. Chalmers,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1847.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Commissioner of Pensions, made in compliance with a joint resolution of Congress, showing the applications for navy pensions during the year 1846: which was read and ordered to be printed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, made in compliance with a joint resolution of August 10, 1846, "relative to errors and defective returns in certain surveys:" which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made agreeably to law, showing the contingent expenditures for the various offices and bureaus of the department during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1846: which was read and ordered to be printed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Senate, made in compliance with the 11th section of the act of the 26th of August, 1842, showing the persons who have been employed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate during the year 1846, and the sums paid to each: which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Senate, made in pursuance of the 20th section of the act of the 26th of August, 1842, showing the disbursements from the contingent fund of the Senate for the year ending December 5, 1846, and the amount of the appropriation for contingent expenses then unexpended: which was read.

Ordered, That it be printed.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I communicate herewith a report of the Postmaster General, which contains the information called for by the resolution of the Senate of the 16th instant, in relation to the means which have been taken for the transmission of letters and papers to and from the officers and soldiers now in the service of the United States, in Mexico. In answer to the inquiry whether any legislation is necessary to secure the speedy transmission and delivery of such letters and papers, I refer you to the suggestions of the Postmaster General, which are recommended to your favorable consideration.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *January* 4, 1847.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be printed.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

In order to prosecute the war against Mexico with vigor and success, it is necessary that authority should be promptly given by Congress to increase the regular army, and to remedy existing defects in its organization. With this view, your favorable attention is invited to the annual report of the Secretary of War, which accompanied my message of the 8th instant, in which he recommends that ten additional regiments of regular troops shall be raised, to serve during the war.

Of the additional regiments of volunteers which have been called for from several of the States, some have been promptly raised; but this has not been the case in regard to all. The existing law, requiring that they

should be organized by the independent action of the State governments, has, in some instances, occasioned considerable delay, and it is yet uncertain when the troops required can be ready for service in the field.

It is our settled policy to maintain in time of peace as small a regular army as the exigencies of the public service will permit. In a state of war, notwithstanding the great advantage with which our volunteer citizen soldiers can be brought into the field, this small regular army must be increased in its numbers, in order to render the whole force more efficient.

Additional officers, as well as men, then become indispensable. Under the circumstances of our service, a peculiar propriety exists for increasing the officers, especially in the higher grades. The number of such officers who, from age and other causes, are rendered incapable of active service in the field, has seriously impaired the efficiency of the army.

From the report of the Secretary of War, it appears that about two-thirds of the whole number of regimental field officers are either permanently disabled, or are necessarily detached from their commands on other duties. The long enjoyment of peace has prevented us from experiencing much embarrassment from this cause; but now, in a state of war, conducted in a foreign country, it has produced serious injury to the public service.

An efficient organization of the army, composed of regulars and volunteers, whilst prosecuting the war in Mexico, it is believed, would require the appointment of a general officer to take the command of all our military forces in the field. Upon the conclusion of the war, the services of such an officer would no longer be necessary, and should be dispensed with upon the reduction of the army to a peace establishment.

I recommend that provision be made, by law, for the appointment of such a general officer, to serve during the war.

It is respectfully recommended that early action should be had by Congress upon the suggestions submitted for their consideration, as necessary to insure active and efficient service in prosecuting the war, before the present favorable season for military operations in the enemy's country shall have passed away.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *December* 29, 1846.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and printed.

On motion by Mr. Bright,

Ordered, That Mr. Semple be excused from serving on the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, and that the vacancy be supplied by the Vice President: and

Mr. Houston was appointed.

On motion by Mr. Yulee,

Ordered, That a member be added to the Committee on Private Land Claims, in the place of the Hon. Alexander Barrow, deceased, and that the Vice President make the appointment: and

Mr. Jarnagin was accordingly appointed.

Mr. Jarnagin having been excused, on his motion, from serving on the Committee on Enrolled Bills,

Ordered, That the vacancy be supplied by the Vice President: and

Mr. Greene was appointed.

The Vice President presented a memorial of R. W. Anderson, of Alabama, in favor of the vigorous prosecution of the war with Mexico, and a speedy peace on terms just and liberal.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Davis presented the memorial of Sarah Chace, widow of James Chace, deceased, praying indemity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Mr. Miller presented the memorial of the widow and heirs-at law of James Kearney, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Mr. John M. Clayton presented the memorial of Sarah Chace, widow of James Chace, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Mr. Bagby presented the memorial of A. J. Cotten and Margaret Smith Cotten, heirs of John Smith, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Mr. Cameron presented the memorial of George Eckert, administrator of John Eckert, junior, deceased, and the memorial of C. C. Beatty, administrator of J. Vanuxen, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of George F. Warfield; the memorial of the heirs of John Chalmers, senior, deceased; the memorial of J. Falconer; the memorial of the heirs of Jeremiah Yellott, deceased; and the memorial of the heir of Joseph Massy, deceased; severally praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of Robert Hyslop, administrator of George Knox, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Mr. Badger presented the memorial of Thomas D. Hogg, one of the heirs of John Hogg, deceased, and the memorial of Helen Leroy, widow of Lewis Leroy, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the petition of the Faculty of Georgetown College, in the District of Columbia, praying that books and philosophical instruments imported for the use of institutions of literature or learning may be admitted free of duty: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Bagby submitted a document relating to the claim of George S. Gaines to compensation for his services as superintendent for the removal of Choctaw Indians: which, with his petition on the files of the Senate, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Bagby presented the memorial of the trustees and Faculty of the University of the State of Alabama, praying that books and scientific and philosophical apparatus imported into the United States for the use of institutions of literature and learning may be admitted free of duty: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron presented the memorial of the Faculty of Dickinson College, Pennsylvania, praying that books imported for the use of that institution may be admitted free of duty: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron presented five petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the adoption of measures for abolishing slavery throughout the United States.

A motion was made that the petitions be received; and, being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion lie on the table.

Mr. Cameron presented two petitions of citizens of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, praying the construction of a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Cameron presented the memorial of the Provident Association of Clerks in the city of Washington, praying an amendment of their charter: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Cameron presented two petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the adoption of measures for a speedy termination of the existing war with Mexico: which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Dayton presented two petitions of citizens of New Jersey, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the existing war with Mexico: which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Dayton presented the memorial of the trustees of the college of New Jersey, praying that books or philosophical apparatus imported for the use of that institution may be admitted free of duties: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Calhoun presented a memorial of the marine insurance companies of the city of New York, remonstrating against the repeal or modification of the act of March 2, 1837, concerning pilots

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Fairfield presented the memorial of William A. Christian, a purser in the navy, praying to be allowed a credit in his accounts for payments made to the forward officers holding acting appointments on board the United States steamer Princeton: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Fairfield presented the memorial of Andrew D. Crosby, a purser in the navy, praying to be allowed a credit for payments made to acting forward officers on board the United States ship Ontario: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of the heirs of Samuel Nicholson, deceased, late a captain in the navy, praying to be allowed arrearages of pay: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of Thomas Brownell, an officer in the navy, praying the repayment of money advanced for medical services rendered to the officers and seamen of the navy stationed at Sackett's Harbor: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Atchison presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, praying the adoption of measures for draining the inundated public lands lying in that State and a portion of the State of Arkansas: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thomas Clayton presented the petition of Elizabeth Allen, widow of Jacob Allen, deceased, a revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Breese submitted documents relating to the claim of the heirs and legal representatives of James Rumsey, deceased, to a donation of land or money, in consideration of the benefits which have followed the application

of steam to the propelling of boats and the purposes of manufactures, of which they allege their ancestor to have been the original author and inventor: which were referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

Mr. Huntington presented a petition of citizens of Connecticut, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Westcott presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Florida, in favor of the passage of a law authorizing that State to relinquish a certain township of land, and to enter other lands in lieu thereof, and to select any portion of the lands granted for seminaries of learning, public schools, the seat of government, or internal improvement, in legal subdivisions: which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Westcott presented the petition of Joseph E. Caro, praying compensation for his services as keeper of the public archives of West Florida: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Westcott presented a presentment of the grand jury of the county of St. John's, in the State of Florida, in relation to the school lands in that State, the dilapidated condition of the United States bridge over the St. Sebastian river, the continuation of the mail between Charleston and Havana, the construction of works of defence along the seaboard of that State, the improvement of the harbor of St. Augustine, and the ruinous state of the works at Fort St. Mark's, now called Fort Marion, in the county of St. John's: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Davis presented the petition of John P. Andrews, praying the adoption of measures for the amicable and peaceful adjustment of all international difficulties.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Butler presented the memorial of the members of the Faculty of the South Carolina College, praying that books imported for the use of colleges may be admitted free of duty: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Niles presented the petition of Samuel W. Chilson, praying compensation for his services in superintending the transportation of the mail between Boston and Springfield, Massachusetts: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Yulee presented the petition of Edward Dennison, praying permission to correct an error in the entry of a quarter section of land settled by him under the act of 4th August, 1842, for the armed occupation and settlement of Florida: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Sevier submitted documents relating to the claim of Robert Mayo for services in preparing a synoptical index of Treasury instructions for the administration of the revenue laws: which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sevier presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Arkansas, in favor of the establishment of an additional judicial district in that State, to include the Indian country, and a United States district court at Van Buren, in the State of Arkansas: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sevier presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Arkansas, in favor of incorporating the army and navy of the late re-

public of Texas into the army and navy of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Sevier presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Arkansas, in favor of the enactment of a law allowing compensation to the several volunteer companies who rendezvoused at Washington, in that State, under a call of the War Department, but were not mustered into the service: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sevier presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Arkansas, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representative of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure compensation to those citizens of Arkansas who, under the proclamation of the governor of that State, left their homes to serve in the war with Mexico, but were not mustered into the service of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sevier presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Arkansas, in favor of changing and modifying the compact between the United States and the State of Arkansas with regard to the salt springs granted to that State: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sevier presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Arkansas, in favor of a grant of public land for completing the Memphis road; a resolution instructing the Senators and requesting the Representative of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure a relinquishment from the United States of all the vacant lands within the State, now subject to inundation; a resolution instructing the Senators and requesting the Representative of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the passage of a law reducing and graduating the price of the public lands; also, a resolution instructing the Senators and requesting the Representative of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the passage of a law granting to that State each alternate section of the public land subject to overflow by the Mississippi, Arkansas, White, St. Francis, Black, and Red rivers, for the purpose of reclaiming said lands; a memorial of the legislature of the State of Arkansas, praying the passage of a law authorizing settlers on the public lands in that State, where the same have been offered for sale ten years prior to such settlement, to prove their pre-emption rights at the expiration of two years, on certain conditions; which resolutions and memorial were referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sevier presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Arkansas, in favor of an extension of the mail route from the mouth of White river to Bearkly, on Black river, and the establishment of a mail route from Searcy, White county, to Helena, Philips county, in said State; in favor of the establishment of a mail route from New Madrid, Missouri, to Memphis, Tennessee; in favor of the establishment of a mail route from Elizabeth, Jackson county, to Gainesville, Greene county, in said State; in favor of the establishment of a mail route from Marion, Crittenden county, to Walnut camp, Poinsett county, in that State; in favor of the establishment of a mail route from Dwight, Pope county, to Clinton, Van Buren county, in that State; in favor of the establishment of a mail route from Clarkeville, Johnson county, to St. Paul, on White river, in that State; in favor of the establishment of a mail route from Bentonville to Maysville, near old Fort Wayne, in that State; in favor of the establishment of a mail

route from Helena, Philips county, to Oakland, St. Francis county, in that State; in favor of the establishment of a mail route from Batesville, Independence county, to Fayetteville, Washington county, in that State; in favor of the establishment of a mail route from Salem, Arkansas, to Rockbridge, Missouri; a mail route from Yellville, Arkansas, to Forsythe, Missouri; a mail route from Smithville to Salem; and a mail route from Jasper to Lebanon, in the State of Arkansas.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the petition of the legal representative of Eleazer W. Ripley, deceased, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the memorial of Clements, Bryan, & Co., on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the memorial of Benjamin Crawford, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the memorial of the representative of William A. Slacum, deceased, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Cameron,

Ordered, That Jonathan Smith have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the executor of Judah Alden have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Vice President be requested to communicate to the executive of the State of Louisiana information of the death of the Hon. Alexander Barrow, late a Senator from the said State.

Mr. Fairfield submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the propriety of paying a balance claimed by Walter R. Johnson to be due him for his services, and payments made by him for the United States.

Mr. Fairfield submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the propriety of allowing Hans Nelson a claim made by him against the United States for his services in the navy of the United States during the last war.

Mr. Westcott submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be requested to communicate to the Senate the official reports on file in his department in relation to the loss of the United States brig Somers; and also any information he may have respecting the assistance rendered by the officers and crews of the

French, Spanish, and British public vessels-of-war lying off Vera Cruz, in the rescue of the crew of said brig.

Mr. Bagby submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a national foundry at Tuscaloosa, in the State of Alabama.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of George Gordon, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 56) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 22) to grant to the State of Illinois the right of way through the public lands of the United States, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Breese also submitted a report on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel Kuykendall, reported a bill (S. 57) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom were referred the documents relating to the claim of Thomas Rhodes, reported a bill (S. 58) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 5) for the relief of Joseph Wilson, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 34) for the relief of Thomas Brownell, reported it without amendment.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Dix asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 59) for the relief of Ray Tompkins and others, the children and heirs-at-law of the late Daniel D. Tompkins: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The bill was read the second time, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Archer, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. R. 5) concerning the purchase of additional lands for the use of the armory of the United States at Harper's Ferry: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted the 28th December by Mr. Jarnagin, in relation to instructions to commissioners for adjudicating claims under a treaty with the Cherokee Indians: and the resolution was agreed to.

The bill (S. 38) for the relief of Joshua Dodge was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 4) to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands, and for other purposes: and

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Bagby;

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to and made the order of the day for Monday, the 11th instant.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution (H. R. 51) relative to clothing for volunteers, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The resolution (H. R. 51) relative to clothing for volunteers, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1847.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the memorial of James W. Schaumburg, in relation to his claim to rank as an officer in the first regiment of United States dragoons: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Corwin presented a memorial of members of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, praying the enactment of a law to divide that State into two judicial districts: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Corwin presented a petition of citizens of Dayton, Ohio, praying a grant of public land for the construction of a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Cameron presented the petition of Rezin Tevis, a soldier in the revolutionary war, praying to be allowed arrears of pay and bounty land: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Sturgeon presented two petitions of citizens of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, praying that a portion of public land may be appropriated to aid in the construction of a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Archer presented the memorial of Thomas Ap C. Jones, an officer in the navy, praying that his name may be restored to the navy pension roll: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Archer presented a memorial of Joice Billups; also a memorial of the administrators of Coventon Simpkins, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of the heirs of John Ross, deceased; also the memorial of the legal representative of John E. Dorsey, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Ordered, That the memorials be referred to the select committee appointed on the subject.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of John Martin, an officer in the last war with Great Britain, praying to be allowed arrears of pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of William Hogan, administrator of Michael Hogan, deceased, praying payment of a sum of money certified by

a jury to be due from the United States: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Cass,

Ordered, That the petition of the executor of Henry King, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That the petition of William Miller, and the petition of Peter Frost, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That the petition of Noah Miller, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the petition of John Carter, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Cameron submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to the Senate on what articles, embraced in the tariff act of 1846, the duties can be increased beyond the existing rates, so as to augment the revenue; and to what extent the said duties can be increased, and what additional revenue would accrue therefrom.

Mr. Davis submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so modifying the laws of the United States in regard to liens by attachment, as to make them conform, in all cases, to the laws of the States where such liens are authorized.

Mr. Dayton submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reannexing the port of Jersey City to the collection district of New York.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 60) making compensation to pension agents for their services: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the memorial of the personal representative of William a Slacum, deceased, reported a bill (S. 61) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph de la Francia, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 62) to authorize the Secretary of State to liquidate certain claims therein mentioned, passed 18th of April, 1814.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the petition of Orlando Saltmarsh and William Fuller, reported a joint resolution (S. R. 6) for their relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 12) authorizing and direct-

ing the examination and settlement of the claims of Alexander M. Cumming, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 49) to extend the time for selling the lands granted to the Kentucky Asylum for teaching the Deaf and Dumb, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Madison Allen, reported a bill (S. 63) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 33) to authorize the relinquishment of the sixteenth section in certain cases, and the selection of other lands in lieu thereof, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution, submitted the 21st of December, requesting the President of the United States to communicate certain information touching the return of Santa Anna to Mexico: and,

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Atchison, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 64) to compromise the claim of the heirs or legal representatives of John Smith T., under a Spanish grant: which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Cameron, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the petition of the Provident Association of Clerks in the city of Washington, reported a bill (S. 65) amendatory of an act entitled "An act amendatory of the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Provident Association of Clerks in the civil department of the government of the United States, in the District of Columbia,' approved 3d March, 1825:" which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Bagby, relative to the establishment of a national foundry at Tuscaloosa, and the resolution was agreed to.

The joint resolution (S. R. 4) for the relief of William H. Thomas was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and,

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The bill (S. 38) for the relief of Joshua Dodge, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 13) for the relief of Mary MacRea, widow of Lieutenant Colonel William MacRea, late of the United States army, deceased: and,

On motion by Mr. Calhoun,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 3) to establish a permanent general pre-emption system in favor of actual settlers on the public lands: and,

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the order of the day for Monday, the 11th instant.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 9) to apply certain alternate sections of the public domain towards the completion of works of internal improvement in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 16

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Badger, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cass, Cilley, Corwin, Crittenden, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atherton, Bagby, Butler, Calhoun, Cameron, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Dayton, Dix, Fairfield, Lewis, Niles, Turney, Yulee.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 42) to provide for completing the Cumberland road in and ceding the same to the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the order of the day for Tuesday, the 12th instant.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1847.

Mr. Davis presented the memorial of Benjamin Wheeler, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Thomas Clayton presented a petition of citizens of Delaware, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Fairfield submitted documents relating to the claim of Hans Nelson to remuneration for his services as a seaman in the navy during the last war with Great Britain, and indemnity for losses and sufferings while a prisoner of war: which were referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Fairfield submitted documents relating to the claim of Walter R. Johnson to compensation for his services in making experiments on coal; which were referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the petition of William F. Price, John B. Palmer, Charles W. Handy, and John A. Lynch, praying compensation for their services as clerks in the Treasury Department; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Woodbridge presented the petition of Thomas C. Sheldon, late receiver of public moneys at Kalamazoo, in the State of Michigan, praying the reimbursement of money expended for clerk hire in his office: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of the heirs of Abraham Varick, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Mr. Pearce presented the memorial of John Barney and Louis Barney, executors of Joshua Barney, Paul Bentalou, and William Van Wyck, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Ordered, That the memorials be referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Benton presented a memorial of citizens of St. Louis, Missouri, praying that the subject of the painting for the vacant panel in the rotundo of the capitol may be illustrative of the early history of the western States: which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

On motion by Mr. Yulee,

Ordered, That the petition of William Marvin, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion by Mr. Corwin,

Ordered, That the petition of the executor of Moses Shepherd, deceased, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the petition of the delegation of the Tonawanda band of Seneca Indians, with the documents relating thereto on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Butler presented the petition of J. S. K. Reeves, a lieutenant in the army, performing the duties of adjutant at the Military Academy at West Point, praying to be placed on the same footing, as to pay and emoluments, with adjutants of dragoons: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Clements, Bryan, and Company, and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Woodbridge,

Ordered, That the report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, made the 4th instant, in relation to errors and defective returns in certain surveys, plats, and field-notes, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and printed.

Mr. Chalmers, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the motion for printing the memorial of the inhabitants of the parish of St. Mary, Louisiana, reported thereon.

Mr. Yulee, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 31) to amend the act, approved June 17, 1844, entitled "An act to provide for the adjustment of land claims within the States of Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana, and in those parts of the States of Mississippi and Alabama south of the 31st degree of north latitude, and between the Mississippi and Perdido rivers," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Yulee, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 8) to amend an act confirming certain land claims in the State of Michigan, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Yulee, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 11) for the relief of Shadrack Gillet and others, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were re-

ferred the petitions of Peter Capella and John Capo, reported a bill (S. 66) for the relief of Peter Capella, administrator of Andrew Capella, deceased, and for the relief of John Capo: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Francis Summeraner, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 67) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Peter Frost, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 68) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 18) to divide the district of Arkansas into two judicial districts, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report on the subject, which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 6) changing the places and fixing the times for holding the circuit and district courts in the district of Vermont, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report on the subject, which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the consideration of the memorial of James W. Schaumburg, and that it be transferred to the Executive Journal.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Bailie Peyton, reported a bill (S. 69) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury, with the approbation of the Attorney General, to purchase for the United States the interest of Bailie Peyton in the tract of land upon which the light-house stands at the Southwest Pass, at the mouth of the Mississippi river: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 53) for the relief of the legal representatives of Jaques Moulon, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 26) to amend the act entitled "An act for the regulation of seamen on board the public and private vessels of the United States," passed the 3d of March, 1813, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report on the subject, which was ordered to be printed.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Bright asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 70) to provide for the final settlement of the accounts of John Spencer, late receiver of public moneys at Fort Wayne, Indiana: which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 71) to grant to the State of Louisiana certain lands for internal improvements: which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The engrossed bill (S. 9) to apply certain alternate sections of the pub-

lic domain towards the completion of works of internal improvement in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that its title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 10) to establish a land office in the northern part of Michigan, and to provide for the sale of mineral lands in the State of Michigan and Territory of Wisconsin.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Phelps,

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to, and made the order of the day for Friday, the 8th instant, and that the proposed amendment be printed.

The bill (S. 43) for the relief of the legal representatives of John Rice Jones, deceased, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 23) declaring the assent of Congress to certain States to impose a tax upon all lands sold by the United States therein from and after the day of such sale; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1847.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, communicating, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, official reports in relation to the loss of the United States brig Somers: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, communicating, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, a statement of all appropriations made for the construction and repair of all roads, fortifications, and harbors, and for the improvement of rivers, in each State and Territory of the United States: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had presented to the President of the United States, the 28th December, the enrolled bill (H. R. 557) for the admission of the State of Iowa into the Union.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of John Searing, for himself and the other heirs of Mary Allen, deceased, whose husband was a soldier in the revolutionary army, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Calhoun presented the memorial of the Irish Emigrant Society, of New York, praying that the act of March 2, 1837, concerning pilots, may not be repealed.

On motion, by Mr. Calhoun, that it be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Davis presented the memorial of Reuben Cook, administrator of Solomon Cook, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Mr. Dayton presented the memorial of the legal representatives of John Leonard, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Mr. Pearce presented the memorial of John Anderson and others, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Ordered, That the memorials be referred to the select committeee on the subject.

Mr. Dayton presented a petition of citizens of New Jersey, praying the adoption of measures for terminating the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Cilley presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the adoption of measures for abolishing slavery throughout the United States.

The motion to receive the petition being objected to,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of New York, praying that the act of March 2, 1837, concerning pilots, may not be repealed.

On motion, by Mr. Dix, that it be printed,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of John S. Kingsley and Joseph P. Pirsson, junior, members of the Convention of Inventors and the National Association of Inventors, praying certain amendments to the Patent Office laws: which was referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

On motion, by Mr. Dix, that it be printed,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Greene presented a petition of citizens of Bristol, Rhode Island, praying the adoption of measures for terminating the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Bagby submitted an additional document relating to the claim of George S. Gaines: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Miller,

Ordered, That the resolutions of the legislature of New Jersey, on the files of the Senate, relating to the erection of a light-house on Tucker's island, in that State, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Miller submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a light-house on Tucker's island, near the entrance to Little Egg Harbor, in the State of New Jersey.

Mr. Houston submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be required to inquire into the necessity of establishing a superintendency, agencies, and subagencies, for the various Indian tribes within the limits of Texas.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Elijah White, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 72) for the relief of Elijah White and others, and for other purposes.

The bill was read, and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Cameron, the 5th instant, in relation to the articles embraced in the tariff act of 1846, upon which the duties can be increased so as to augment the revenue: which, having been modified on the motion of Mr. Speight, was agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to the Senate on what articles, embraced in the tariff act of 1846, the duties can be increased beyond the existing rates so as to augment the revenue; and to what extent the said duties can be increased; and what additional revenue would accrue therefrom: and, furthermore, that he be requested to report what article on the free list may be taxed, and what amount of duty should be laid thereon; and that he also report on what articles, if any, the rates of duty may be reduced below those imposed by the aforesaid act, so as to increase the revenue; the rate of such reduction, and the amount to which the revenue would probably be increased thereby; and whether, in his opinion, any tax which may be laid upon such articles will increase the price of the same to the consumer to any amount; and if to any, to what amount.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill (S. 73) to encourage enlistments in the regular army: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The said bill was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The following bills, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were read a third time:

S. 23. A bill declaring the assent of Congress to certain States to impose a tax upon all lands hereafter sold by the United States therein from and after the day of such sale.

S. 43. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of John Rice Jones.

Resolved, That the said bills pass, and that the titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 73) to encourage enlistments in the regular army, with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill last mentioned: and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Printing, on the motion to print the memorial of citizens of St. Mary's parish, Louisiana, "that the memorial be not printed."

On motion, by Mr. Simmons, to amend the report by striking out the word "not,"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 21 / Nays, ... 18

On motion by Mr. Simmons,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Dix, Houston, Lewis, Niles, Sevier, Speight, Turney.

The report, as amended, having been concurred in,

Ordered, That the memorial be printed.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1847.

The Vice President being absent,

The following communication was read:

Senator Atchison will oblige me by opening the Senate to-day, and by presiding therein until its adjournment.

G. M. DALLAS,

Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate.

WASHINGTON, *January* 11, 1847.

The following resolution was submitted by Mr. Crittenden, and considered, by unanimous consent:

Resolved, That the honorable D. R. Atchison be, and he is hereby, appointed President pro tempore of the Senate during the absence of the Vice President, and until he resumes his seat as the presiding officer of this body.

On motion, by Mr. Sevier, that the resolution lie on the table,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 20 / Nays, ... 27

On motion by Mr. Badger,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Benton, Berrien, Butler, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Loui-

siana, Mangum, Miller, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge.

The resolution having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Bagby, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate proceed forthwith to the election of a President of the Senate pro tempore:

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate accordingly proceeded to the election of a President pro tempore: and

The honorable David R. Atchison was duly elected.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of State, made agreeably to law, accompanied by statements showing the clerks, messengers, and assistant messengers, employed in the Department of State and the Patent Office, with their respective compensations, during the year 1846.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a report of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, made agreeably to law, showing the manner in which the appropriations for the public buildings and grounds have been applied during the year 1846: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (S. 73) entitled "An act to encourage enlistments in the army."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 576) to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The said bill from the House of Representatives was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The President pro tempore signed the enrolled bill (S. 73) this day reported to have been examined; and it was delivered to the committee, to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Allen presented the memorial of the Miami University, in the State of Ohio, praying that books and philosophical apparatus imported for the use of colleges and other literary institutions may be admitted free of duty: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Fairfield presented the petition of Eliphalet Grover, praying a pension on account of injuries received while discharging his duties as keeper of a light-house: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Archer presented a petition of citizens of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, praying that no public lands may hereafter be granted to States except for purposes of internal improvements: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Jarnagin submitted an additional document in relation to the claim of Pierre Chouteau, jr. and others, legal representatives of Julien Dubuque:

which, with their petition on the files of the Senate, was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Cameron presented the petition of the heirs and legal representatives of William Dickey, deceased, praying compensation for his services as an officer in the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Cameron presented the petition of Rebecca Robosson, widow of a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Cameron presented the petition of Jemima Duval, widow of a revolutionary officer, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Cameron presented two petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico: which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Cameron presented a petition of citizens of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, praying that a portion of public land may be appropriated to aid in the construction of a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of the trustees of the Western University, at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, praying that the duties now imposed by law on books and philosophical apparatus imported for the use of colleges and literary and scientific institutions may be abolished: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dickinson presented the petition of John Morrison, a pensioner of the United States, praying to be allowed arrears of pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dickinson presented the memorial of the administrator of John Patrick, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Westcott submitted documents in relation the removal of the Seminole Indians from the State of Florida: which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Yulee presented the memorial of John Tucker, praying compensation for his services as a volunteer in the Seminole war: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Yulee presented a memorial of certain citizens of Florida, praying compensation for their military services and for provisions furnished for the use of the United States troops during the Seminole war: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Phelps presented the memorial of Sally Bass, daughter and heir of Charles Pasteur, deceased, a surgeon in the revolutionary war, praying compensation for his services and commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of Aaron Leggett, praying the legislation of Congress in relation to his claims against the government of Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Benton submitted an additional document in relation to the claim of Sarah E. Graham: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Benton presented a memorial of William M. Walker and others, officers attached to the late exploring expedition, praying an investigation of the truth of certain statements contained in the narrative of that expedi-

tion, which affect injuriously their characters as officers of the navy: which was referred to the Committee on the Library, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented a memorial of merchants and others, citizens of Baltimore, Maryland, praying the purchase by the United States of Morse's electro-magnetic telegraph, and its establishment throughout the United States: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of the heirs of Thomas W. Norman, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of the Faculty and trustees of the College of St. James, Maryland, praying that books and philosophical apparatus imported for the use of colleges and other literary and scientific institutions may be admitted free of duty: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of the Maryland Insurance Company of the city of Baltimore, and the memorial of the Marine Insurance Company, of the city of Baltimore, severally praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which were referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the petition of the heirs of Robert Sewall, deceased, praying compensation for property destroyed by the British in 1814: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the petition of Oliver C. Harris, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the petition of David Butler, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the resolutions of the legislature of the State of Maryland, on the files of the Senate, relative to the establishment of a free bridge across the eastern branch of the Potomac, be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Allen submitted the following resolutions for consideration; which were ordered to be printed:

Resolved, That, with a view to a speedy and an honorable peace, the war with Mexico ought to be prosecuted with increased energy and expedition; and, to that end,

Resolved, That additional regiments of volunteers ought immediately to be called to the field.

Resolved, That a portion of the national domain ought to be set apart as an additional reward to the officers and soldiers who shall have served in the war, and to the widows, heirs, and legal representatives of those who shall have lost their lives in this service.

Resolved, That the residue of the national domain, and the proceeds of the sales thereof, ought to be pledged for the payment of the public debt and the interest thereon, which may be incurred in the prosecution of the war; the government retaining, as heretofore, the right to grant pre-emptions, graduate the prices, and make the usual grants of such domain to particular States.

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs and the Committee on Finance be instructed to report bills appropriate to effect these objects.

Mr. Sevier submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing or modifying the twenty-third rule of the Senate.

Mr. Phelps submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That 3,000 copies of the map of the mining region of lake Superior, projected by A. B. Gray, and now being engraved for the House of Representatives, be ordered to be struck off, and, with the accompanying report, be furnished for the use of the Senate; and that the bureau having in charge the mineral lands cause to be placed upon said map all further locations made during the past year under authority of the Secretary of War, and which may have been reported by the superintendent.

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Navy, communicating information respecting the loss of the United States brig Somers, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Blanchard, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 74) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Jeanette Huntington, widow and sole executrix of William D. Cheever, deceased, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 75) for her relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Wright, administrator of William Bunce, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Lloyd Slummer, and that it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 280) for the relief of W. P. S. Sanger and George F. de la Roche, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Brownell, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 76) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Butler, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of James Leander Cathcart, junior, executor of James Leander Cathcart, deceased, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Butler, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Alexander Watson, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill

(S. 77) to provide for the settlement of claims for losses of property by reason of its military occupation in the Territory of Florida.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Butler, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Susan E. Gordon, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 78) for her relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 35) authorizing the payment of interest upon the advances made by the State of Alabama for the use of the United States government in the suppression of the Creek Indian hostilities of 1836 and 1837, in Alabama, reported it with an amendment: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill (S. 79) to provide for an additional military force, and for other purposes: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent: and,

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the order of the day for Thursday, the 14th instant.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill (S. 80) to appoint a lieutenant general to command the military forces of the United States during the war with Mexico: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent: and,

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the order of the day for Thursday, the 14th instant.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 12, 1847.

Mr. Archer announced the decease of the Hon. Isaac S. Pennybacker, which took place in this city, at four o'clock this morning.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Resolved unanimously, That a committee be appointed by the President of the Senate *pro tempore* to take order for superintending the funeral of the Hon, Isaac S. Pennybacker, which will take place to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian, and that the Senate will attend the same.

Resolved unanimously, That the members of the Senate, from a sincere desire of showing every mark of respect due to the memory of the Hon. Isaac S. Pennybacker, deceased, late a member thereof, will go into mourning for him one month, by the usual mode of wearing crape on the left arm.

Resolved unanimously, That, as an additional mark of respect for the memory of the Hon. Isaac S. Pennybacker, the Senate do now adjourn.

Mr. Sevier, Mr. Mangum, Mr. Breese, Mr. Crittenden, Mr. Benton, and Mr. Webster, having been appointed the committee of arrangements,

Ordered, That the Secretary communicate these proceedings to the House of Representatives.

Whereupon,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1847.

The Senate having attended the funeral of the Hon. Isaac S. Pennybacker, returned to their chamber: and,

On motion by Mr. Badger,

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1847.

The Hon. George M. Dallas, Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate, resumed the chair.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made agreeably to law, accompanied by a list of all persons employed in the Indian department during the year 1846: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dickinson presented the memorial of Jacob Latting, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of the Seneca Indians residing upon the Tonawanda reservation, in the State of New York, praying that they may be exempted from the operation of the treaties of January 15, 1838, and May 20, 1842, between the United States and the Seneca Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the petition of Rodolphine Claxton, widow of Alexander Claxton, late an officer in the navy of the United States, praying a renewal of her pension: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of the administrator of Hugh Thompson, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the select committee on the subject.

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That the petition of Isaac Davenport, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Jarnagin submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to communicate to the Senate such correspondence with, and reports of officers of the army or agents of the government, on file in any branch of his department, as may afford information as to the agreement with the Seminole Indians yet in Florida, under which they are permitted to remain in said State, and as to the numbers and condition of such Indians; and likewise any information in his department in relation to the practicability of removing said Indians west, and of the best means of effecting such removal.

Mr. Woodbridge submitted the following resolutions; which were considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury report to the Senate all such surveys as may heretofore have been made under the authority of the United States of the private land claims at the Sault de Ste. Marie; and also of such reservation for military purposes as may have been made by the President of the United States at said Sault de Ste. Marie, in the State of Michigan, showing the connexion of the same with said private land claims.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury report to the Senate all such surveys (or maps thereof) as may heretofore have been made of the private land claims in the lower peninsula of Michigan, &c., showing their connexion with the general surveys of the public lands, and especially the surveys thereof of "Greely and of Fletcher," and such as may have been made in the county of Michilimackinac.

Mr. Atherton submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to furnish, on a reduced scale, a copy of the late survey of the harbor of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, by the corps of topographical engineers, and a copy of the report of the survey.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution, and

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Yulee presented the memorial of James P. Espy, praying the purchase by the United States, for the use of the navy, of his invention for ventilating ships: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

Ordered, That the report of the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, with the communication of the Commissioner of Patents, on the petition of Thomas Blanchard, made the 11th instant, be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions submitted, the 11th instant, by Mr. Allen: and

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for Monday, the 18th instant.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had presented to the President of the United States, the 12th instant, the enrolled bill (S. 73) to encourage enlistments in the regular army.

A message from the President of the United States by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, the 12th instant, the bill (S. 73) entitled "An act to encourage enlistments in the regular army."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John P. Baldwin, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of William E. Davis, and Mary Ann his wife, reported a bill (S. 81) for their relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the documents relating to the claim of Hobson Johns, reported a bill (S. 82) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Homans, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William Saunders and William A. Porter, sureties of William Estis, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was re-

ferred the memorial of Samuel W. Bell, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 83) for the relief of Samuel Bell, a native of the Cherokee nation.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Benjamin Crawford, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 24) authorizing persons to whom reservations of land have been made, under Indian treaties, to alienate the same in fee, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 64) to compromise the claim of the heirs or legal representatives of John Smith T., under a Spanish grant, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill (S. 84) providing for the appointment of an additional number of assistant surgeons in the navy: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill (S. 85) limiting the operation of the act of the 4th March, 1842, entitled "An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year 1842:" which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom the documents relating to the claim of Walter R. Johnson were referred, reported a bill (S. 86) providing for the payment of the claim of Walter R. Johnson against the United States: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Cameron, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill (S. 87) for the construction of a floating dry dock at Philadelphia and Portsmouth: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Cameron, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 30) for the relief of the heirs of John Paul Jones, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Milledge Galphin, executor of the last will and testament of George Galphin, deceased, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 88) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Bagby, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 279) for the relief of Doctor Clark Lillybridge, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Purkis, reported a bill (S. 89) authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Robert Purkis: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Erskine and Eichelberger, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 90) for their relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Haym M. Solomon, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 91) for the relief of the estate of Benjamin Metoyer and François Gaiennie, deceased: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 92) for the relief of the Red River Railroad Company: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 576) to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole, together with the amendment reported thereto; and the reported amendment having been agreed to:

On motion by Mr. Cameron further to amend the bill,

A motion was made by Mr. Badger that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow: and

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 25 / Nays, ... 23

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Evans, Green, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Lewis, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Yulee.

So it was

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion, by Mr. Jarnagin, that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Executive business:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 21 / Nays, ... 24

On motion by Mr. Breese,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Lewis, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 584) to reorganize the district courts of the United States in the State of Alabama: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 80) to appoint a lieutenant general to command the military forces of the United States during the war with Mexico: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Badger,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1847.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, communicating copies of all instructions given by the War Department, or from the office of Indian affairs, to the commissioners appointed to adjudicate claims under the treaty of 1835–6, between the United States and Cherokee nation of Indians: which was read, and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Treasurer of the United States, accompanied by copies of his accounts of receipts and disbursements for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending the 30th June, 1846: which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Archer presented a petition of citizens of Harrison county, Virginia, praying an increase of the pay of the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the army, and an allowance of bounty-land to such as shall serve to the end of the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Archer presented a memorial of the Faculty of the University of Virginia, praying that books and philosophical apparatus, imported for the use of colleges or other scientific and literary institutions, may be exempted from duty: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Mangum submitted a document in relation to the claim of William H. Thomas, for services in aiding in the capture of certain Cherokee Indians, charged with crimes against the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Evans presented the memorial of Thomas McLellan, executor of Arthur McLellan, deceased, and others, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Evans presented the petition of the heirs of John Riggs, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying payment of the seven years' half pay due on account of the military services of their ancestor: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Morehead presented a petition of citizens of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, praying that a portion of public land may be set apart for the purpose of aiding in the construction of railroads from the Atlantic rivers to the Mississippi: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of the heirs of William Lowry, deceased, the memorial of the heirs of Fielder Dorsett, de-

ceased, severally praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which were referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Benton submitted additional documents in relation to the petition of Sarah E. Graham: which were referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Atchison presented the petition of Margueretta Reneau, praying payment of the value of a reservation of land secured to her by the treaty of 1825 with the Osage Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Dickinson,

Ordered, That the memorial of the Long Island Railroad Company, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the memorial of Joseph Radcliff, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Woodbridge,

Ordered, That the petition of Aaron Weeks, and the resolution of the legislature of Michigan relating thereto, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That William H. Thomas have leave to withdraw the documents relating to the claims of certain Cherokee Indians, who have become citizens of North Carolina.

On motion by Mr. Miller,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the mechanics and laborers in the navy yard at Washington.

On motion by Mr. Butler,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of David Whelply, and that it be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Morehead submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War communicate to the Senate such information as may be in the possession of his department on the following subjects:

1. The commerce of the lakes, and its probable increase.
2. The same of the western rivers.
3. The population depending upon the lakes as a means of communicating with a market.
4. The amount of tonnage employed upon the lake trade, distinguishing as far as practicable between steamboats, propellers, sailing craft, and number of hands employed in the trade.
5. Facilities of communication by railroads and canals with the Mississippi and the Atlantic.
6. Adaptation of the commercial means of the lakes to purposes of defence, and of military operations generally.
7. Extent of lake coast, and of the same in the different States and Territories; harbors in this extent; their condition and usefulness, and a comparison of their present condition with that before improvements were made.
8. Means of communication in the British provinces, by roads and canals, with their ports and harbors on the lakes, and the condition of the latter.

9. Adaptation of the British commercial means of the lakes to purposes of military operations generally.

Mr. Woodbridge submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War report to the Senate what means of communication exist during the winter months between Fort Brady, at the Sault de Ste. Marie, and Fort Wilkins, upon lake Superior, in the State of Michigan; and his opinion concerning the necessity and expediency of opening a communication by land between said forts; and also (so far as may be) between them and the military posts at Michilimackinac, and on the lower peninsula of Michigan; together with an estimate of the expense of opening such overland communications.

On motion, Mr. Ashley was excused from serving on the committee, appointed the 17th December, on the subject of indemnification for spoliations by France previous to 1800.

Ordered, That a member be appointed by the Vice President to fill the vacancy: and

Mr. Sturgeon was accordingly appointed.

Mr. Butler, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Charles M. Gibson, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 93) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill (S. 94) to provide for transporting the mail of the United States to Oregon: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Commitee on Pensions, reported the following bills, without amendment:

H. R. 211. An act for the relief of Frederick Hopkins, of the county of Chenango, in the State of New York.

H. R. 265. An act for the relief of Zachariah Simmons, of the State of Tennessee.

H. R. 528. An act granting a pension to Patrick Kelly.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill (S. 95) in amendment of an act entitled "An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and prevent the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the revenues of the Post Office Department:" which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom were referred the documents relating to the claim of Elizabeth Pistole, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 96) for the relief of Elizabeth Pistole, widow of Charles Pistole, deceased.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Nahum Haskell, reported a bill (S. 97) for the relief of Richard Bloss and others: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The bill (H. R. 584) to reorganize the district courts of the United States in the State of Alabama was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 576) to raise, for a limited time, an additional military

force, and for other purposes, with the amendment proposed by Mr. Cameron.

Further amendments having been proposed:

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That the consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow, and that the proposed amendments be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 80) to appoint a lieutenant general to command the military forces of the United States during the war with Mexico: and,

After debate,

No amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On motion, by Mr. Mangum, that it lie on the table,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 28 / Nays, ... 21

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott.

So it was

Ordered, That the bill lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 4) to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands, and for other purposes.

On motion, by Mr. Crittenden, that the Senate adjourn:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 25 / Nays, ... 21

On motion by Mr. Breese,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Rusk, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Niles, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Yulee.

So the Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1847.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made agreeably to law, accompanied by a statement showing the expenditures on account of the national armories, and the number of arms

manufactured at the same during the fiscal year ending the 30th June, 1846: which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Fairfield presented the petition of Ichabod Jordan, collector at the port of Saco, Maine, praying an increase of his compensation: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Webster presented the memorial of William H. Prentiss, praying compensation for services rendered as a clerk while holding the appointment of assistant messenger in the Department of State: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Webster presented the memorial of the President and Fellows of Harvard College, praying that books and philosophical apparatus imported for the use of colleges and other scientific or literary institutions may be admitted free of duty: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Webster presented a memorial of the executors of Obed Macy, deceased, and others, citizens of Nantucket, Massachusetts; the memorial of Charlotte Dorr, widow of Andrew C. Dorr; the memorial of the heirs of Philip Hammond, deceased; and the memorial of the heirs and legal representatives of Thomas Brown and Gilman White; severally praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which were referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Webster presented the petition of citizens of Oxford county, Maine, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Upham presented the petition of Abigail Garland, widow of a deceased revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying that a portion of public land may be appropriated for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of Elizabeth Bunner, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the select committee on the subject.

On motion by Mr. Sturgeon,

Ordered, That the petition of Edward Harris Miles, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Phelps presented the memorial of John F. Mullowny, late United States consul at Tangier, Morocco, praying to be indemnified for losses sustained in consequence of the refusal of an officer commanding a United States vessel to convey him to his destination: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Crittenden, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 206) for the relief of Joshua Shaw, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bright, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 261) for the relief of the heirs of Sergeant Major John Champe, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Hannegan, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1) to extend the national road to the city of Alton, on the Mississippi river, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Rusk, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the legal representative of George Mayo, deceased, submitted a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the representative of George Mayo ought not to be granted.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Rusk, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Richard G. Dove, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Rusk, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas H. Noble, reported a bill (S. 98) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Rusk,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Oscar F. Pitman, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That a member be appointed by the Vice President to fill the vacancy in the board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, occasioned by the decease of the Hon. Isaac S. Pennybacker: and

Mr. Cass was appointed.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Benton asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 99) to make grants of land to the non commissioned officers, musicians, and privates of the army serving in Mexico: which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. John M. Clayton, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed, for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 576) to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 23 / Nays, ... 23

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Yulee.

The Senate being equally divided, the Vice President determined the question in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 576) to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes, with the amendment proposed thereto.

On motion, by Mr. Benton, that the bill, with all the proposed amendments, be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs, "with instructions to bring in an amendment granting one hundred and sixty acres of bounty land to the officers of volunteer corps, and to the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates serving, or to serve, in the army employed in Mexico:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 44 / Nays, ... 1

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Badger, Bagby, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Butler, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Mr. Phelps voted in the negative.

So it was

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs, with the proposed instructions.

On motion by Mr. Yulee,

Ordered, That a member be appointed by the Vice President to fill the vacancy in the Committee on Private Land Claims: and

Mr. Atchison was appointed.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That a member be appointed by the Vice President to fill the vacancy in the Committee of Claims: and

Mr. Speight was appointed.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 1847.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made agreeably to law, showing the names of the clerks and other persons, other than officers of the army, employed in all the branches of the department during the year 1846: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fairfield presented the petition of the heir and legal representative of James Edgerly, deceased, late a seaman in the navy, praying indemnity for losses sustained by the deceased in consequence of the destruction of the United States ship John Adams: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying that a portion of public land may be set apart for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Dix presented three petitions of citizens of the city of New York, praying the re-establishment of the branch post office in Chatham square, in that city: which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Cameron presented a petition of citizens of Delaware county, Pennsylvania, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Corwin presented a petition of citizens of Dayton, Ohio, praying

that a portion of public land may be set apart for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Corwin presented a memorial of citizens of Columbiana county, Ohio, praying a grant of land to aid in the construction of a railroad from Cleveland, Ohio, to Wellsville, Virginia: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of Orazio de Attellis Santangelo, praying the appointment of commissioners for the adjustment of unsettled claims of citizens of the United States against the government of Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Sevier presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Arkansas, praying that a company of volunteers raised in the county of Searcy, in that State, but not received into the service of the United States, may be remunerated for their expenses and loss of time in preparing themselves for the public service: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sevier presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Arkansas, praying the establishment of a post route from Little Rock, in that State, to Jackson, in Missouri, and a resolution passed by the legislature aforesaid in favor of the establishment of a post route from Gainsville to Charles Hatcher's, on Eleven Point river: which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Sevier presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Arkansas, praying an appropriation for the removal of the raft of the Red river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Sevier presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Arkansas, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representative of that State in Congress to vote against any appropriation of money or public lands for the satisfaction of the claims to indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented a memorial of the representatives of the Baltimore yearly meeting of the religious Society of Friends, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, that the memorial be printed.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of the executor of Robert Gilmor, deceased, and the memorial of the executor and devisee of Samuel Smith, deceased, severally praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which were referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Badger presented the petition of E. P. Guier and B. McLaughlin, praying compensation for carrying the mail: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Rusk,

Ordered, That the memorial of E. P. Calkins and Company, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the petition of Creed Taylor, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the petition of James F. Sothoron, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That William H. Thomas have leave to withdraw his memorials and accompanying papers.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That Ferdinand N. Clarke have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury report to the Senate, *first*, whether any funds of the government, and if any what amount, have been remitted from the Atlantic States to New Orleans, or to the disbursing officers of the American army in Mexico, since the first of September last; and if remitted, in what funds remitted; whether in gold and silver coin, treasury notes, bank notes, or bank checks; and if in whole or in part remitted in gold and silver, what has been the expense to the government of each of such remittances. *Second*, that he also report to the Senate whether, in his opinion, the act of the 6th of August, 1846, entitled "An act to provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safekeeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue," is not calculated to prevent or embarrass the government in negotiating such a loan as will be required to carry on the existing war with Mexico, and whether it would not be to the interest of the United States to repeal such law, or to suspend its operation until the further order of Congress.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That a member be appointed by the Vice President to fill the vacancy in the Committee on Commerce: and

Mr. Breese was appointed.

Mr. Cameron, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Jesse D. Elliott, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 100) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Cameron, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom the documents relating to the claim of Hans Nelson were referred, submitted a report: which was read.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Talbott and others, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 101) for their relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of James Mc McIntosh, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 102) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom were referred the documents relating to the claim of George Roush, reported a bill (S. 103) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted the 15th instant, by Mr. Woodbridge, relating to the means of communication between Fort Brady and Fort Wilkins; and the resolution was agreed to.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 571) to establish the Territorial government of Oregon: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The said bill from the House of Representatives (H. R. 571) was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 40) for the relief of Fernando Fillanny, reported it without amendment, and submitted a special report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Archer asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 104) giving the consent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of Virginia authorizing the levy of tolls on the James river: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and, with the accompanying document, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 28) to create the office of surveyor general of the public lands in the Territory of Oregon, and to grant donation rights to settlers therein, and for other purposes, with the amendments reported thereto: and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 404) for the relief of Julius Eldred, Elisha Eldred, and Francis E. Eldred, for expenses and services in removing the copper rock from lake Superior: and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The following bills were read a second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole:

S. 44. A bill for the relief of William B. Keene.

S. 46. A bill for the relief of the heirs of Crocker Sampson, deceased.

S. 48. A bill for the relief of Richard S. Coxe.

No amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 4) to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands, and for other purposes.

On motion, by Mr. Bagby, to amend the bill, section 2, line 7, by striking out "*fifteen,*" and inserting "*ten:*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 17 / Nays, ... 26

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Rusk, Sevier, Turney, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atherton, Badger, Butler, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dix, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham.

No amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to Monday, the 25th instant.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1847.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made agreeably to law, communicating a statement of the contracts made under the authority of that department during the year 1846: which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, communicating, in further compliance with a resolution of the Senate, a statement from the engineer bureau, of appropriations for the construction and repair of roads, fortifications, and harbors, and for the improvement of rivers: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Calhoun presented a petition of citizens of Charleston, South Carolina, praying that buoys may be placed in the Santee river, a light erected on Bull's bay, and additional lights in the harbor of Charleston: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. John M. Clayton presented the memorial of Thomas F. Gordon, praying compensation for compiling a compend of the revenue laws of the United States, by direction of the Secretary of the Treasury: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Jarnagin presented the memorial of Susan Coody, and other Cherokee Indians, praying indemnity for property destroyed by a party of United States soldiers, near Fort Gibson, in the year 1845: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Dayton presented a petition of citizens of New Jersey, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Atchison presented the memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, praying the establisment of additional mail routes in that State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Cass submitted documents relating to the claim of Israel Canfield to indemnity for spoliations committed on his property by Mexican soldiery in 1838: which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of Edward Martin and others, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Corwin presented a petition of citizens of Ohio, praying a grant of land to the Zanesville and Maysville Turnpike Road Company, to aid in

the completion of their road: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Corwin presented a memorial of the Religious Society of Friends of Indiana yearly meeting, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico.

On motion, by Mr. Corwin, that it be printed,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

On motion by Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the petition of John Devlin, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the memorial of Edward Bolon, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That the Vice President be requested to notify the executive of the State of Virginia of the death of the Hon. Isaac S. Pennybacker, late a Senator of the United States from that State.

Mr. Cass, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the memorial of William M. Blackford, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported a bill (S. 105) making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Maria S. Nourse, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 106) to authorize the settlement of the account of Joseph Nourse, deceased.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Turney, from the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, to whom was referred the petition of Ross Winnans, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Morehead, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph F. Caldwell, reported a bill (S. 107) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of John Russell, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 108) in addition to the several resolves, ordinances, and acts of Congress providing for, or relative to, the grant of bounty lands to the officers and soldiers of the Revolution upon the continental establishment.

The bill was read, and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom were referred the documents relating to the claim of Peter Engels, senior, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 109) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 71) to grant to the State of Louisiana certain lands for internal improvements, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Crittenden, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was

referred the joint resolution (S. R. 5) concerning the purchase of additional lands for the use of the United States armory at Harper's Ferry, reported it without amendment.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Rusk asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 110) to provide for the establishment of additional post routes in the State of Texas: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was recommitted the bill (H. R. 576) to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes, with certain instructions, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole, with the amendment reported thereto.

A motion being made by Mr. Berrien to amend the reported amendment,

On motion by Mr. Benton, that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs, with the same instructions which were given the 16th instant:

It was determined in the negative—Nays, ... 50

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Badger, Bagby, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Mangum, Miller, Niles, Pearce, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

On motion by Mr. Berrien, to amend the proposed amendment by inserting after the word "that," in the first line, "to officers of volunteer corps under the rank of major:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 26

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Badger, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Corwin, Dayton, Hannegan, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Rusk, Simmons, Sturgeon, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Butler, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Crittenden, Davis, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Houston, Huntington, Niles, Pearce, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Upham, Webster, Yulee.

The Senate being equally divided, the Vice President determined the question in the negative.

An amendment to the reported amendment having been proposed by Mr. Corwin,

On motion by Mr. Corwin, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 22 / Nays, ... 28

On motion by Mr. Breese,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atkinson, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Badger, Bagby, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Butler, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, John M. Clayton, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Mangum, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

On motion by Mr. Hannegan, that the Senate adjourn:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 32 / Nays, ... 18

On motion by Mr. Speight,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Badger, Benton, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Rusk, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Mangum, Niles, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott.

So the Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1847.

The Vice President presented a memorial of the representatives of the yearly meeting of Friends for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and the Eastern Shore of Maryland, praying the adoption of peaceful measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico.

On motion that it be printed,

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. John M. Clayton presented the memorial of Frederick Dawson, James Schott, and E. D. Whitney, praying the fulfilment of a contract entered into by them with the government of Texas, previous to its annexation to the United States, for supplying that republic with a naval armament: which was referred to the Committee of Claims, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. John M. Clayton presented the memorial of David Vann and William P. Ross, delegates of the Cherokee Indians, praying the payment of the balance due those Indians under the treaty of 1835, and compensation for

the surrender of their lands east of the Mississippi river: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Westcott presented a memorial of residents of the District of Columbia against the use of materials prepared by State prison convicts, in the construction of buildings for the Smithsonian Institution.

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit the memorial to the board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Mr. Mangum presented the memorial of Robert Owen, praying an investigation of a mode discovered by him for improving the condition of society: which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a memorial of the representatives of the religious Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Huntington presented the memorial of L. Stone, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Cameron presented a petition of citizens of Hollidaysburgh, Pennsylvania, praying that a portion of public land may be set apart to be applied to the construction of a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of citizens of the city of New York, praying the re-establishment of the branch post office in Chatham square, in that city: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Corwin presented a memorial of citizens of Ravenna, Ohio, praying a grant of public land to aid in the completion of the Cleveland and Pittsburg railroad: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Archer presented the petition of Ann Anderson, widow of a deceased naval seaman, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Upham submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting a pension to John Ellis, of Vermont, for services as a soldier in the war of the Revolution.

Mr. Upham submitted documents relating to the claim of John Ellis to a pension: which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Corwin submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to report to the Senate the quantity of public lands sold which had been offered for sale or subject to private entry more than fifteen years and less than twenty years prior to such sale; also, all public lands sold which had been offered for sale or subject to entry more than twenty and less than twenty-five years prior to such sale; also, all public lands so sold which had been offered for sale more than twenty-five years and less than thirty years prior to such sale; designating the land districts and States and Territories where said lands were sold, and the years in which such sales were made.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Private Lands Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William Marvin, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 111) for the relief of William Marvin, confirming the

title to a tract of land in Florida granted by the Spanish government to Bernardo Segui on the 20th of December, 1815.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution (S. R. 2) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States in relation to the judicial power.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of E. P. Calkin & Co., and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the Red River Railroad Company, and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of Edward Harris Miles, reported a bill (S. 112) to authorize the issuing of a new register for the American barque Pons, of Philadelphia, by the name of the Cordelia: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The bill (S. 72) for the relief of Elijah White and others, and for other purposes, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the memorial of the president and directors of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 113) directing the conditional transfer of the stock held by the United States in the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company to the said company.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 15) to provide for the completion of the marine hospital and erection of a custom-house in the port of New Orleans, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Berrien, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 114) to regulate the exercise of the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States in certain cases, and for other purposes: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 576) to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes, with the amendment reported thereto.

On motion by Mr. Corwin, to amend the bill, by striking out, after the word "enacted," in the first line, the residue of the amendment, and inserting the following:

"*That each non-commissioned officer or private enlisted or to be enlisted in the regular army, or regularly mustered in any volunteer company, who has served or may serve during the present war with Mexico, and who shall*

have received an honorable discharge, or who shall have been killed, or died of wounds received, or sickness incurred, in the course of said service, shall be entitled to receive a certificate or warrant from the War Department for the quantity of one hundred and sixty acres, and which may be located by the warrantee, his heirs or legal representatives, at any land office of the United States, in one body, and in conformity to the legal subdivisions of the public lands, upon any of the public lands in such district then subject to private entry; and upon the return of such certificate or warrant, with evidence of the location thereof having been legally made to the General Land Office, a patent shall be issued therefor: Provided, That if the full term for which such person shall have enlisted or volunteered shall not exceed one year, and he shall have served three months, then the said certificate or warrant shall be for eighty acres. That in the event of the death of any such non-commissioned officer or private during service, or after his discharge, and before the issuing of a certificate or warrant as aforesaid, the said certificate or warrant shall be issued in favor, and inure to the benefit, of his family or relatives, according to the following rules: first, to the widow; second, to his children; third, his father; fourth, his mother; and fifth, his brothers and sisters. And in the event of his children being minors, then the legally constituted guardian of such minor children shall, in conjunction with such of the children, if any, as may be of full age, upon being duly authorized by the orphans' or other court having probate jurisdiction, have power to sell and dispose of such certificate or warrant for the benefit of those interested. And all sales, mortgages, powers, or other instruments of writing, going to affect the title or claim to any such bounty right, made or executed prior to the issue of such warrant or certificate, shall be null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever, nor shall such claim to bounty right be in anywise affected by, or charged with, or subject to, the payment of any debt or claim incurred by the soldier prior to the issuing of such certificate or warrant:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 29 / Nays, ... 18

On motion by Mr. Davis,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Cameron, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cass, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Niles, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Wescott.

So the amendment to the reported amendment was agreed to.

On the question to agree to the reported amendment as amended:

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill having been further amended,

An amendment was proposed by Mr. Hannegan.

On motion by Mr. Dayton, that the Senate adjourn:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 24 / Nays, ... 23.

On motion by Mr. Speight,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Badger, Benton, Berrien, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Butler, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Crittenden, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Niles, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

So the Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1847.

Mr. Evans presented a memorial of the religious anti slavery convention at Augusta, in the State of Maine, praying the immediate termination of the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Evans presented a petition of citizens of Eastport, Maine, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Corwin presented a preamble and resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Ohio, accompanied by a remonstrance signed by members of the legislature, and a petition of citizens of Ohio, against the division of that State into two judicial districts: which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dix presented two petitions of citizens of the city of New York, praying the re-establishment of the branch post office in Chatham square, in that city: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of residents of the District of Columbia, praying that materials prepared by State prison convicts may not be used in the construction of the buildings of the Smithsonian Institution.

On motion by Mr. Cameron,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit the memorial to the board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Mr. Sevier presented the memorial of L. Marchand, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Archer presented two petitions of citizens of Lewis county, Virginia, praying an increase of the pay of the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the army, and a grant of bounty land to such as shall serve to the end of the war with Mexico; which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Evans presented two petitions of citizens and female inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying such a modification of the constitution and laws of the United States as shall abolish slavery throughout the Union.

The reception of the petitions being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion for their reception lie on the table.

Mr. Huntington presented two petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania,

praying a modification of the constitution and laws of the United States on the subject of slavery.

The reception of the petitions being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion for their reception lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented three petitions of citizens and female inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying such modification of the constitution and laws of the United States as shall abolish slavery throughout the Union.

The reception of the petitions being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion for their reception lie on the table.

Mr. Cilley presented two petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying such a modification of the constitution and laws of the United States as shall abolish slavery throughout the Union.

The reception of the petitions being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion for their reception lie on the table.

Mr. Upham presented two petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying a modification of the constitution and laws of the United States in relation to slavery.

The reception of the petitions being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion for their reception lie on the table.

Mr. Corwin presented a petition of citizens of Ohio, praying the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia, and two petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying a modification of the constitution and laws of the United States in relation to slavery.

The reception of the petitions being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion for their reception lie on the table.

Mr. Dayton presented three petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying a modification of the constitution and laws of the United States in relation to slavery.

The reception of the petitions being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion for their reception lie on the table.

Mr. Cameron presented three petitions of citizens and female inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying such amendments to the constitution and laws of the United States as shall abolish slavery throughout the Union.

The reception of the petitions being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion for their reception lie on the table.

Mr. Miller presented two petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying a modification of the constitution and laws of the United States in relation to slavery.

The reception of the petitions being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion for their reception lie on the table.

Mr. Woodbridge presented two petitions of citizens and female inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying a modification of the constitution and laws of the United States in relation to slavery.

Mr. Hannegan presented two petitions of citizens and female inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying a modification of the constitution and laws of the United States in relation to slavery.

The reception of the petitions being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion for their reception lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That the petition of Ann Kelly, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Sevier submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency and justice of paying to Samuel Hempstead, of Arkansas, one hundred and fifty dollars, the amount claimed by him for services rendered to the United States.

Mr. Sevier submitted documents relating to the claim of Samuel H. Hempstead: which were referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Ashley submitted the following resolution: which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Little Rock, Arkansas, to Richmond, Izard county, via Alexander Murphy's, Theodore Goodlow's, and Kinderhook post office.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Philip Pearce, submitted a report: which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That Philip Pearce have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Butler, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Sewall, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 115) for the relief of the heirs and representatives of the late Robert Sewall.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The following bills, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were read a third time:

S. 44. A bill for the relief of William B. Keene.

S. 46. A bill for the relief of the heirs of Crocker Sampson, deceased.

S. 48. A bill for the relief of Richard S. Coxe.

Resolved, That the said bills pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (H. R. 404) for the relief of Julius Eldred, Elisha Eldred, and Francis E. Eldred, for expenses and services in removing the copper rock from lake Superior, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill (S. 28) to create the office of surveyor general of the public lands in the Territory of Oregon, and to grant donation rights to settlers therein, and for other purposes, was read a third time; and, having been amended, by unanimous consent:

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 23) declaring the assent of Congress to certain States to im-

pose a tax upon all lands hereafter sold by the United States therein from and after the day of such sale.

They have also passed the following bills and joint resolution:

H. R. 595. An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1848.

H. R. 603. An act to amend and continue in force the act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington.

H. R. 610. An act to authorize the constituted authorities of the city of Dubuque, in the State of Iowa, to enter certain islands between the landings of said city and the main channel of the Mississippi river.

H. R. 619. An act for the relief of James Jones, of the city of Brooklyn.

H. R. 52. Joint resolution for the relief of John and Charles Bruce.

The said bills and resolution from the House of Representatives were severally read.

Ordered, That they pass to the second reading.

The bill (H. R. 603) to amend and continue in force the act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington was read the second time, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

The bill (H. R. 610) to authorize the constituted authorities of the city of Dubuque, in the State of Iowa, to enter certain islands between the landings of said city and the main channel of the Mississippi river, was read the second time, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The bill (H. R. 595) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1848, was read the second time.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 576) to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes.

An amendment being proposed by Mr. Hannegan, providing for the appointment of a chaplain to each regiment:

On motion by Mr. Webster, to fill the blank in the amendment with the words "one thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly, with forage for one horse, and two rations:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 29 / Nays, ... 17

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Badger, Bagby, Berrien, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Benton, Breese, Butler, Cilley, Col-

quitt, Dix, Evans, Houston, Niles, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

On motion by Mr. Sevier, to amend the amendment by inserting at the end thereof, "*Provided*, That each regiment of the volunteer force shall elect their own chaplain:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 23 / Nays, ... 18

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Berrien, Bright, Chalmers, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Corwin, Dayton, Dix, Houston, Jarnagin, Morehead, Niles, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Upham, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Butler, Cameron, Thomas Clayton, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Hannegan, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Webster, Woodbridge.

On the question to agree to the amendment of Mr. Hannegan, amended as follows:

"SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted, That there shall be a chaplain to each of the regiments in the volunteer force and the army of the United States, who shall each receive one thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly, with forage for one horse, and two rations: Provided, That each regiment of the volunteer force shall elect its own chaplain.*"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 38 / Nays, ... 4

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Badger, Bagby, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Butler, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dix, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Niles, Sevier, Turney, Westcott.

So the amendment was agreed to.

A motion being made by Mr. Houston further to amend the bill:

On motion by Mr. Houston,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 1847.

Mr. Miller presented a memorial of the board of managers of the Washington National Monument Society, praying a grant of a portion of the public mall in the city of Washington, as a site for a monument to the memory of Washington: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of Mary Genung, widow of Isaac Ge-

nung, deceased, who served in the army of the United States under General St. Clair, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Davis presented two petitions of citizens and female inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying such an amendment of the constitution and laws as will abolish slavery throughout the Union.

The reception of the petitions being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion for their reception lie on the table.

Mr. Niles presented two petitions of citizens and female inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying such an amendment to the constitution and laws of the United States as will abolish slavery throughout the Union.

The reception of the petitions being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion for their reception lie on the table.

Mr. Niles presented the memorial of L. Stone, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Cass presented two petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying such an amendment of the constitution and laws of the United States as shall abolish slavery throughout the Union, and a petition of citizens and female inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying the adoption of measures for repealing all provisions of the constitution and laws which sanction slavery or authorize a representation of the slave population, and that no new slaveholding State may be admitted into the Union.

The reception of the petitions being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion for their reception lie on the table.

Mr. Sevier presented a petition of citizens of Crawford county, Arkansas, praying the establishment of a mail route from Fort Smith to Joseph Tomlinson's, in Scott county, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Breese presented three petitions of citizens and female inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying such an amendment of the constitution and laws as shall abolish slavery throughout the Union.

The reception of the petitions being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion for their reception lie on the table.

Mr. Greene presented two petitions of citizens and female inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying such an amendment of the constitution and laws as will abolish slavery throughout the Union.

The reception of the petitions being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion for their reception lie on the table.

The Vice President presented a petition of citizens of the United States, praying the adoption of a new system, which they propose, in relation to the public lands: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the petition of Nathaniel Hoggatt, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Westcott submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be requested to communicate to the Senate the causes which induced the return of the frigate Cumberland and steamship Mississippi from the coast of Mexico to Norfolk.

Mr. Cilley submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Whereas a speedy and honorable peace with the republic of Mexico is,

exceedingly desirable; and whereas "the constitution of the United States has made no provision for our holding foreign territory—still less for incorporating foreign nations into our Union;" therefore,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to order the army of the United States now in Mexico to some place in the United States near the frontier of the two countries.

Mr. Hannegan submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate to the Senate any information he may possess in relation to the recent misunderstanding between the American authorities at Rio Janeiro and the government of Brazil, so far as the same may be compatible with the public interest.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the petition of Wade Allen, reported a bill (S. 116) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill (S. 117) supplementary to an act entitled "An act to provide for the transportation of the mail between the United States and foreign countries, and for other purposes:" which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Sevier asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 118) creating the office of assistant Secretary of State, and for other purposes: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 21) for the relief of William B. Stokes, surviving partner of John N. C. Stockton and Company, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bright, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas C. Sheldon, reported a bill (S. 119) to provide for the final settlement of the accounts of Thomas C. Sheldon, late receiver of public moneys at Kalamazoo, Michigan: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 23. An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain States to impose a tax upon all lands hereafter sold by the United States therein from and after the day of such sale.

H. R. 404. An act for the relief of Julius Eldred, Elisha Eldred, and Francis E. Eldred, for expenses and services in removing the copper rock from lake Superior.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 600) authorizing the issue of treasury notes, a loan, and for other purposes: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The bill (H. R. 600) authorizing the issue of treasury notes, a loan, and for other purposes, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The resolution (H. R. 52) for the relief of John and Charles Bruce was read the second time.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

The bill (H. R. 619) for the relief of James Jones, of the city of Brooklyn, was read the second time.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Niles submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to procure for the use of the Senate five hundred copies of the map of Mexico published by Mr. Disturnell, provided they can be obtained at a cost not exceeding one dollar per copy.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That the resolution lie on the table.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted the 18th instant by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, respecting the remittance of public funds; which, having been modified on the motion of Mr. Huntington, was agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to inform the Senate whether any funds of the government, and if any, what amount, have been remitted from the Atlantic States to New Orleans, or to the disbursing officers of the American army in Mexico, since the first of September last; and if remitted, in what funds remitted—whether in gold and silver coin, treasury notes, bank notes, or bank checks; and if in whole or in part remitted in gold and silver, what has been the expense to the government of each of such remittances.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted the 20th instant, by Mr. Corwin, in relation to the quantity of public land sold at different periods, after having been subject to private entry; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, on its third reading, (S. 28,) to create the office of surveyor general of the public lands in the Territory of Oregon, and to grant donation rights to settlers therein, and for other purposes: and,

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion, by Mr. Atchison, that when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 25 / Nays, ... 19

On motion by Mr. Speight,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Atchison, Badger, Benton, Berrien, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dix, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Butler, Cameron,

Cass, Chalmers, Fairfield, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Niles, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

So it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 576) to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Houston,

A debate ensued: and

On motion, by Mr. Mangum, that the Senate adjourn:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 22 / Nays, ... 22

On motion by Mr. Speight,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Badger, Berrien, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, John M. Clayton, Crittenden, Dix, Fairfield, Lewis, Niles, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Yulee.

The Senate being equally divided, the Vice President determined the question in the negative.

After further debate,

On motion, by Mr. Benton, that the Senate adjourn:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 16 / Nays, ... 26

On motion by Mr. Speight,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Badger, Benton, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Dayton, Greene, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Miller, Morehead, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Butler, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Corwin, Crittenden, Dix, Fairfield, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Mangum, Niles, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

The amendments proposed by Mr. Houston having been amended on the motion of Mr. Crittenden:

On the question to agree to the following clause of the same:

Section 1, line 4, after the word "organized," insert "an auxiliary volunteer corps:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 14 / Nays, ... 28

On motion by Mr. Breese,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Atchison, Berrien, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Upham.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atherton, Badger, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Butler, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Dix, Fairfield, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Mangum, Niles, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The residue of the amendments proposed by Mr. Houston having been disagreed to:

A motion was made by Mr. Atchison further to amend the bill: and

On motion, by Mr. Atchison, that the Senate adjourn:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 23 / Nays, ... 19

On motion by Mr. Speight,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Badger, Berrien, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Butler, Cameron, Chalmers, Corwin, Dix, Fairfield, Lewis, Niles, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Whereupon,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY, 25, 1847.

Mr. Archer presented the credentials of the honorable James M. Mason, chosen a Senator by the legislature of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of the honorable Isaac S. Pennybacker, which were read; and the oath prescribed by law having been administered to Mr. Mason, he took his seat in the Senate.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate in relation to the removal of the Seminole Indians from Florida, and the number and condition of the Indians permitted to remain: which was read, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, made agreeably to law, accompanied by a statement of contracts made by the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing for supplies for the navy: which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, made agreeably to law, accompanied by an abstract of expenditures, under the head of contingent expenses, for the year ending September 30, 1846: which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Commissioner of Patents, made agreeably to law, showing the operations of the office during the year 1846: which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Crittenden presented the petition of Hola-ta-Emathla and other Seminole Indians, praying compensation for their military services during the Florida war: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Cameron presented a petition of citizens of Carbon county, Pennsylvania, praying a grant of public land to aid in the construction of a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Cameron presented the memorial of the heirs of Joseph J. Miller, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of marine insurance companies of the city of Philadelphia, praying the adoption of measures for the greater security of commerce on the coast of Florida: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of marine insurance companies in the city of Philadelphia, praying the establishment of a permanent court of admiralty at Key West, in Florida: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Cameron presented three petitions of citizens and female inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying such an amendment of the constitution and laws of the United States as will abolish slavery throughout the Union.

The reception of the petitions being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion for their reception lie on the table.

Mr. Thomas Clayton presented a petition citizens of Delaware, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Fairfield presented three petitions of citizens and female inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying such an amendment of the constitution and laws of the United States as will abolish slavery throughout the Union.

The reception of the petitions being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion for their reception lie on the table.

Mr. Cass presented the memorial of Robert M. Harrison, United States consul at Kingston, Jamaica, praying to be indemnified for damages sustained in consequence of his having become the surety of a citizen of the United States in a prosecution against him by the authorities of that island: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of New York, remonstrating against any increase of the present rates of postage.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented a memorial of S. N. Bishop, representative of Lemuel Bishop, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Cilley presented a petition of citizens of Deerfield, New Hampshire, praying the adoption of measures for a speedy and peaceful termination of the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Corwin presented two petitions of citizens of Ohio, praying a grant of land to the Zanesville and Maysville Turnpike Road Company, to aid in the completion of their railroad: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the memorial of M. H. De Leon, executor of Thomas

Cooper, deceased, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. John M. Clayton presented the petition of T. P. and Hiram W. McColly, praying the enactment of a law to authorize a register to be issued for a foreign built vessel, which, being wrecked in the United States, they have since purchased and repaired: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Vice President signed the two enrolled bills (S. 23, H. R. 404) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Yulee, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 20) to provide for the construction of a dry dock at Pensacola for the use of the navy of the United States, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill (S. 120) giving the assent of Congress to a change of the compact entered into between the United States and the State of Arkansas, upon her admission into the Union, in relation to the salt springs: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of a resolution of the legislature of Ohio against the division of that State into two judicial districts.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 114) to regulate the exercise of the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States in certain cases, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Mangum, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of James P. Espy, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 121) directing the Secretary of the Navy to purchase from Doctor James P. Espy his patent right for the conical ventilator for the use of the United States.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 571) to establish the territorial government of Oregon, reported it with amendments: which were ordered to be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

H. R. 240. An act for the relief of Alvin C. Goell, and for other purposes;

H. R. 257. An act for the relief of James Green, of the county of Fauquier, State of Virginia;

H. R. 415. An act for the relief of George B. Russell and others;

H. R. 424. An act for the relief of Susan Brum;

H. R. 429. An act for the relief of the heirs of Gassaway Watkins, an officer of the Maryland continental line in the war of the Revolution;

H. R. 433. An act for the relief of the widow and heirs of John B. Chaudonia;

H. R. 437. An act for the relief of Isaac Guess;

H. R. 440. An act for the relief of William Causey;

H. R. 441. An act for the relief of Wilfred Knott;
H. R. 455. An act for the relief of James Williams;
H R. 460. An act for the relief of Bernard O'Neill;
H. R. 461. An act for the relief of John Pickett and others;
H. R. 465. An act for the relief of the assignees of the late Bank of Alexandria;
H. R. 466. An act for the relief of the administrators of Joseph Edson, deceased, late marshal of the district of Vermont;
H. R. 474. An act for the relief of the heirs of Hyacinth Lasselle;
H. R. 480. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Adams;
H. R. 481. An act for the relief of Thomas A. Newell;
H. R. 482. An act for the relief of Henry La Reintree;
H. R. 483. An act for the relief of Harvey Reynolds;
H. R. 484. An act for the relief of Catharine Stevenson;
H. R. 485. An act for the relief of Edith Ramey;
H. R. 486. An act for the relief of Ann Clayton;
H. R. 487. An act granting a pension to Silas Chatfield;
H. R. 494. An act for the relief of John C. Stewart and others;
H. R. 495. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Lauson, deceased;
H. R. 496. An act to provide for the final settlement of the accounts of John Spencer, late receiver of public moneys at Fort Wayne, Indiana;
H. R. 497. An act for the relief of the estates of Benjamin Metoyer and François Gaiennie, deceased;
H. R. 499. An act for the relief of the widow of Elijah Bragdon, deceased;
H. R. 503. An act for the relief of James H. Conley;
H. R. 540. An act for the relief of William T. Walthall;
H. R. 507. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Fitch;
H. R. 508. An act for the relief of Thankful Reynolds;
H. R. 509. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Calkin, the widow of Silas Winans;
H. R. 511. An act for the relief of Jonathan Hoyt;
H. R. 512. An act for the relief of John Van Vanslyck;
H. R. 517. An act for the relief of Harrison Whitson;
H. R. 602. An act to provide for the establishment of additional post routes in the State of Texas;
H. R. 38. Joint resolution for the relief of the children of Stephen Johnston, deceased;
H. R. 40. Joint resolution for the settlement of the accounts of Purser G. R. Barry;
in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 600) authorizing the issue of treasury notes, a loan, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. Speight, that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill last mentioned:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 24 / Nays, ... 24

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Benton, Breese, Bright,

Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, Mason, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Niles, Pearce, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

The Senate being equally divided, the Vice President determined the question in the affirmative.

So the Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 600) authorizing the issue of treasury notes, a loan, and for other purposes.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Niles,

A debate ensued.

On motion, by Mr. Hannegan, that the Senate adjourn:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 24 / Nays, ... 25

On motion by Mr. Turney,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Badger, Berrien, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Lewis, Mason, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

After further debate,

On motion, by Mr. Badger, that the Senate adjourn:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 24 / Nays, ... 20

On motion by Mr. Turney,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Rusk, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Lewis, Mason, Niles, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

So the Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1847.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, in relation to any means of communication during the winter months between Fort Brady and Fort Wilkins: which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, in relation to the causes which induced the return of the frigate Cumberland and steamship Mississippi from the coast of Mexico to Norfolk: which was read.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Bagby presented the memorial of John B. Cooper, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Greene presented the memorial of the heirs of Caleb Gardner, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Benton submitted additional documents relating to the petition of Sarah E. Graham: which were referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Mangum presented the petition of Peter Von Schmidt, praying an examination of the merits of a process, of which he is the inventor, to mineralize timber: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Mangum presented the petition of Peter Von Schmidt, praying that the Secretary of the Navy may be directed by law to contract with him for the construction of a dry dock at Pensacola: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Atchison presented the memorial of officers of the third regiment of Missouri volunteers, praying the reimbursement of expenses incurred in preparing for service: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of citizens of the city and county of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, praying the construction of a dry dock at that city: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of the select and common councils of the city of Philadelphia, praying the construction of a dry dock at that place: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Cameron presented a petition of citizens of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, praying a grant of public land for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

On motion by Mr. Dayton, the vote of yesterday, discharging the Committee on the Judiciary from the further consideration of the resolution of the legislature of Ohio against the division of that State into two judicial districts, was reconsidered: and

Ordered, That the said resolution be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Speight be excused from serving on the Committee of Claims, and that a member be appointed by the Vice President in his stead: and

Mr. Mason was appointed.

Mr. Bright reported, from the committee, that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

H. R. 404. An act for the relief of Julius Eldred, Elisha Eldred, and Francis E. Eldred, for expenses and services in removing the copper rock from lake Superior.

S. 23. An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain States to impose a tax upon all lands hereafter sold by the United States therein from *and after the* day of such sale.

Mr. Miller, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom the subject was referred, reported a joint resolution (S. R. 7) authorizing the erection on the public grounds, in the city of Washington, of a monument to George Washington: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Atchison, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Bethiah Healy, reported a bill (S. 122) granting a pension to Bethiah Healy, widow of George Healy, deceased: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Naomi Davis, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Andrew Moore, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 123) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Greene, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of the heirs of Louis de la Houssaye, deceased, reported a bill (S. 124) for their relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The engrossed bill (S. 72) for the relief of Elijah White and others, and for other purposes, was read a third time, and the title was amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of Elijah White and others."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bills and joint resolutions yesterday brought from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills numbered 240 and 499 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; that the bills numbered 424, 480, 481, 482, 503, 504, and the resolution numbered 40, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs; that the bills numbered 433, 496, and the resolution numbered 38, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands; that the bills numbered 437 and 474 be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims; that the bills numbered 460, 462, 494, 495, 497, and 517, be referred to the Committee of Claims; that the bills numbered 257, 440, 441, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 507, 508, 509, 511 and 512, be referred to the Committee on Pensions; that the bill numbered 466 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; that the bill numbered 415 be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs; that the bill numbered 429 be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims; that the bills numbered 455 and 465 be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia; and that the bill numbered 602 be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, on its third reading, (S. 28) to create the office of surveyor general of the public lands in the Territory of Oregon, and to grant donation rights to settlers therein, and for other purposes: and,

On motion by Mr. Speight,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed an act (S. 23) declaring the assent of Congress to certain States to impose a tax upon all lands hereafter sold by the United States therein from and after the day of such sale.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 600) authorizing the issue of treasury notes, a loan, and for other purposes, with the amendment proposed by Mr. Niles; and the amendment having been modified on the motion of Mr. Westcott, was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Huntington to amend the bill, section 21, line 7, by striking out, after the word "determine," "six months after the exchange and ratification of a treaty of peace with the republic of Mexico," and, in lieu thereof, inserting "*eighteen months after the passage of this act:*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 23 / Nays, ... 26

On motion by Mr. Speight,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, Mason, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

On motion by Mr. Evans to amend the bill by striking out, section 8, after line 6, the following words: "and the said Secretary is further authorized to make purchases of the said notes at par for the amount of principal and interest due at the time of purchase on such notes;" and to strike out, section 12, line 2, the word "redeemed," and insert, "*received in payment of public dues prior to their maturity:*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 24 / Nays, ... 25

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, Mason, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Yulee.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden to amend the bill by inserting at the close of the 19th section the following: "*Provided, That nothing in this section contained shall be understood to deprive Congress of the power to grant bounties in land for military services*:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 23 / Nays, ... 25

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Badger, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Rusk, Simmons, Upham, Webster.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, Mason, Niles, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Yulee.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The bill having been amended, was reported to the Senate.

On the question to concur in the following amendment:

Section 4, line 6, strike out after "creditors" the words "or other persons:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 23 / Nays, ... 26

On motion by Mr. Speight,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, Mason, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Yulee.

So the amendment was not concurred in.

On the question to concur in the following amendment:

Section 4, lines 9 and 10, strike out the words "not under par," and insert at the end of the section, "*Provided, however, that no treasury notes shall be pledged, hypothecated, sold, or disposed of in anywise, for any purpose whatever, directly or indirectly, for any sum less than the amount of such notes, including the principal and interest thereon, when disposed of*:"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Evans, by adding thereto an additional section, and no further amendment being proposed,

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1847.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made agreeably to law, showing the balances of appropriations in the Treasury the 1st July, 1845; the appropriations made for the fiscal year 1845–'46; the repayments and transfers in that year; the amounts applicable to the service of the year 1845–'46; the amounts drawn by requisition from the Treasury in the same time; and the balances remaining unexpended for two years: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. John M. Clayton presented the petition of John McClintic, praying that the United States may purchase, for the use of the several navy yards and arsenals, the right to use his mortising and tenoning machine: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Breese presented a petition of the trustees of the Milwaukie Library Association, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying that they may be furnished with copies of the laws and public documents printed by the authority of Congress: which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

Mr. Breese presented a resolution, passed by the legislature of the State of Illinois, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure a donation of land to the several townships, in said State, for the purpose of establishing libraries therein: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Breese presented a resolution, passed by the legislature of the State of Illinois, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure an appropriation for completing the Cumberland road through the State of Illinois: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thomas Clayton presented a petition of citizens of Delaware, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Archer presented the memorial of the heirs of Thomas Edmunds, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations: which was referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Atchison presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Missouri, praying the graduation and reduction of the price of certain public lands in that State, and a donation of such lands as are not worth the cost of survey: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cass presented the memorial of the heirs of Harman Blennerhasset, deceased, praying indemnity for the destruction of property of the deceased, by a body of armed militia in the service of the United States, in the year 1806: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of New York, remonstrating against any increase of the present rates of postage.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the petition of R. H. Champion and P. F. Dering, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, reported a bill (S. 125) to make attachments, which are made under process issuing from the courts of the United States, conform to the laws regulating such attach-

ments in the courts of the United States: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Miller, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the resolution of the State of Maryland on the subject, reported a bill (S. 126) to provide a free communication across the Eastern branch of the river Potomac, in the District of Columbia: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, reported the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to direct that the sale of the land advertised to be sold on the 8th day of March, 1847, at the land office at Dubuque, in the State of Iowa, (known as the Dubuque land claim,) be suspended until the claimants to said lands may be fully heard as to their rights, either in Congress or before the Supreme Court of the United States. The land above referred to being the southeast quarter of fractional township ninety, range two; the southeast quarter of township eighty-nine, range one; township eighty-nine, ranges two and three; township eighty-eight, ranges two, three, and four; and township eighty-seven, ranges three, four, and five: that is, so much of the said townships and ranges as lies on the west side of the main channel of the Mississippi river.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 619) for the relief of James Jones, of the city of Brooklyn, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a joint resolution (S. R. 8) providing for transporting mails to and from the army in Mexico: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The bill (H. R. 600) authorizing the issue of treasury notes, a loan, and for other purposes, was read a third time as amended.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass with amendments?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 43 / Nays, ... 2

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Badger, Bagby, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Crittenden, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Mangum, Mason, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Cilley and Mr. Corwin.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Cilley, the 22d instant, in relation to the prosecution of the war with Mexico.

On motion, by Mr. Allen, that it lie on the table:

It was determined in the affirmative—Yeas, ... 44

On motion by Mr. Speight,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Badger, Bagby, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Butler, Cass, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Corwin, Crittenden, Dayton, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Mason, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

So it was

Ordered, That the resolution lie on the table.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, (S. 28) on its third reading, to create the office of surveyor general of the public lands in the Territory of Oregon, and to grant donation rights to settlers therein, and for other purposes: and

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that its title be as aforesaid.

On motion by Mr. Berrien, the last mentioned vote was reconsidered.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 600) "authorizing the issue of treasury notes, a loan, and for other purposes."

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, (H. R. 600,) I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 556) entitled "An act to increase the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates of the army of the United States, and the militia and volunteers in the service of the same, and allowing them bounty land in certain cases;"

Also, a joint resolution (H. R. 53) relative to the preparation and presentation of medals to certain French, British, and Spanish officers;

in which bill and resolution they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 600) authorizing the issue of treasury notes, a loan, and for other purposes.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined; and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 576) to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes: and

After debate,

On motion, by Mr. Corwin, that the Senate adjourn:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 23

On motion by Mr. Speight,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton,

Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Lewis, Mason, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

So the Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1847.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, stating the reason which prevents an immediate compliance with a resolution of the Senate, of the 25th instant, respecting the quantity of public land offered for sale, and subject to private entry, at different periods: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Michigan, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to obtain the consent of Congress to the sale of the salt springs in that State, as the legislature of the State may direct: which was read, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Upham presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Vermont in favor of a speedy termination of the war with Mexico, and the settlement of all matters in controversy between the United States and that republic by arbitration or negotiation, and declaring their opposition to the admission of any new State into the Union whose constitution tolerates slavery: which were read.

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Cameron presented the memorial of D. V. Quenaudon, proposing to establish, by the aid of government, a colony in the Territory of Oregon, and to organize the colonists into a regiment of cavalry, to serve during the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Territories.

Mr. Cilley presented a petition of citizens of New Hampshire, praying the establishment of a mail route from Deerfield to Newmarket, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Bright submitted a communication from James Maher, public gardener, respecting the condition of the public grounds, the sum necessary for their improvement, and the expediency of relieving him from the supervision of the Commissioner of Public Buildings: which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of a convention of farmers, gardeners, and silk culturists, assembled at the city of New York, praying the establishment of a department of agriculture: which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Woodbridge presented the petition of Thomas Pulmer and Oliver M. Hyde, proposing, in consideration of a grant of land, to construct for the United States a road from Green Bay, in the Territory of Wisconsin, to Fort Wilkins, in Michigan; and a road from the headwaters of the Menomonie river to the mouth of Iron river, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Ashley presented a petition of citizens of Arkansas, praying the establishment of a mail route from Arkansas Post to Crockett's Bluffs, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Niles submitted the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolved, That to meet the expenses of the existing war with Mexico, to sustain the public credit, and give efficiency to the operations of the treasury, demand an addition to the revenue, which may reasonably be expected from the existing laws, of from five to ten millions of dollars per annum.

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Senate such additional revenue may be raised from imposts, by increasing the rates of duties on importations now subject to duty, and a moderate duty on all or a part of the free list; that such additional duties, if judiciously imposed, will not be seriously burdensome to any portion of the people, but would be cheerfully borne by them in a time of war; that, in the judgment of the Senate, it is highly necessary that such additional revenue be raised during the continuance of the war; and that the same be pledged for the interest and the redemption of the principal of the loans which have been or may be authorized for the prosecution of the war in which the country is engaged.

Mr. Benton submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to contract with Mr. Charles Preuss for constructing a topographical map of the great central section of the Rocky mountains, with the lateral and rib mountains on each side, down to the edge of the Great Plains on the east, and to Great Salt Lake on the west, and showing the headwaters of all the great rivers rising in that section of the Rocky mountains and flowing to the Pacific ocean, and to the Mississippi; to be compiled from the field-notes, journals, and sketches of Lieutenant Colonel Frémont, and his assistant, Charles Preuss; the said map, besides the topography of the country, to show the results of the astronomical, barometrical, meteorological, botanical, geological, and other scientific observations of Lieutenant Colonel Frémont, so as to exhibit the latitude and longitude of remarkable places, the elevations of the country, the temperature of the air and state of the weather; also, characteristic trees, plants, flowers, and grasses; characteristic minerals, fossils, earths, and rocks, with remarks to show the woodland and prairies; Indian tribes, game, &c., with the additions which the present expedition of Lieutenant Colonel Frémont may contribute to the work. Also, a map of Oregon and California, in the same style, from the materials of the same explorer, and other authentic sources.

Mr. Huntington submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of revoking or modifying the power of the Secretary of the Treasury to authorize the issuing of certificates of the deposite of goods in the public stores to the owners or importers thereof.

Mr. Chalmers, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Savannah, reported a bill (S. 127) to provide for the erection of a custom-house in the city of Savannah: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom the following bills and resolution were referred:

H. R. 331. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas Shields, deceased;
H. R. 424. An act for the relief of Susan Brum;
H. R. 480. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Adams;
H. R. 481. An act for the relief of Thomas N. Newell;
H. R. 482. An act for the relief of Henry La Reintree;
H. R. 503. An act for the relief of James H. Conley;
H. R. 504. An act for the relief of William T. Walthall;
H. R. 40. Joint resolution for the settlement of the accounts of Purser G. R. Barry;
reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill (S. 128) providing for the building and equipment of four naval steamships: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Pearce,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Library be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Robert Owen, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The bill (H. R. 556) to increase the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates of the army of the United States, and the militia and volunteers in the service of the same, and allowing them bounty land in certain cases, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The joint resolution (H. R. 53) relative to the preparation and presentation of medals to certain French, British, and Spanish officers, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, (S. 28,) on its third reading, to create the office of surveyor general of the public lands in the Territory of Oregon, and to grant donation rights to settlers therein, and for other purposes: and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 576) to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes.

On motion, by Mr. Crittenden, to amend the bill by striking out, section 1, line 6, the words "nine regiments of infantry," and, in lieu thereof, inserting "*one regiment of voltigeurs, to be armed and equipped as such, and one regiment of foot riflemen, to be provided with a rocket and mountain howitzer battery:*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 22 / Nays, ... 27

On motion by Mr. Breese,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Badger, Berrien, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, Colquitt, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Lewis, Mangum, Mason, Niles, Phelps, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

So the amendment was disagreed to.

On motion, by Mr. Atchison, to amend the bill by striking out, after the enacting clause, the first five sections, and, in lieu thereof, inserting:

"*That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to accept the services of ten regiments of volunteers, to serve during the continuance of the present war with Mexico, unless sooner discharged, who shall be raised, organized, commissioned, and paid in the same manner, and under the same regulations, as are prescribed in the act providing for the raising of fifty thousand volunteers, approved the* 13*th May*, 1846:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 20 / Nays, ... 30

On motion by Mr. Breese,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Atchison, Badger, Berrien, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, Colquitt, Dix, Fairfield, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Mangum, Mason, Niles, Phelps, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

So the amendment was disagreed to.

On motion, by Mr. Allen, to amend the bill by inserting, at the end thereof, the following section:

"SEC. —. *And be it further enacted, That in addition to the volunteer force authorized by the act of the* 13*th of May*, 1846, *the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to accept the services of ten thousand volunteers, to serve during the war, upon the same terms and conditions, in every respect, as provided in that act:*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 12 / Nays, ... 36

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atherton, Breese, Bright, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Fairfield, Houston, Jarnagin, Rusk, Turney, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Badger, Bagby, Benton, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dix, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Mangum, Mason, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Upham, Woodbridge, Yulee.

So the amendment was disagreed to.

On motion, by Mr. Crittenden, to amend the bill, section 1, line 6, by striking out the words "nine regiments of infantry," and, in lieu thereof, inserting "*four regiments, to wit, one regiment of infantry, one of dragoons,*

one of voltigeurs, to be armed and equipped as such, and one regiment of foot riflemen, to be provided with a rocket and mountain howitzer battery:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 20 / Nays, ... 30

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Badger, Berrien, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, Colquitt, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Mangum, Mason, Niles, Phelps, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

So the amendment was disagreed to.

On motion, by Mr. Badger, to amend the bill by striking out, section 1, line 13, after "war," the following: "*Provided,* That it shall be lawful for the President of the United States, in the recess of the Senate, to appoint such of the commissioned officers, authorized by this act, as may not be appointed during the present session; which appointments shall be submitted to the Senate, at their next session, for their advice and consent:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 30 / Nays, ... 18

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dix, Greene, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Sevier, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Fairfield, Hannegan, Lewis, Mason, Rusk, Speight, Turney, Westcott.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion, by Mr. John M. Clayton, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the first section, "*Provided, also, That no member of either House of Congress shall be appointed to any office under this act:*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 17 / Nays, ... 26

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Jarnagin, Mangum, Miller, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Dix, Fairfield, Han-

negan, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mason, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Yulee.

So the amendment was disagreed to.

The bill having been further amended, was reported to the Senate.

On the question to concur in the amendment proposing the 8th section, in relation to bounty lands,

An amendment to the same was proposed by Mr. Rusk: and,

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1847.

Mr. Morehead presented the petition of L. G. Curtiss, of Cincinnati, Ohio, proposing to form a company, under the authority of Congress, for extending Morse's electro-magnetic telegraph across the Atlantic ocean: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Yulee presented the petition of George Petty, praying a pension in consideration of a wound received while in the military service of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Cameron presented the memorial of Joseph C. Morgan, legal representative of Joseph J. Miller, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Cameron submitted additional documents relating to the claim of Samuel Grice: which, with his memorial on the files of the Senate, were referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the memorial of the executors of Jethro Wood, deceased, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the surveyors and inspectors of the revenue for the ports of Louisville, Cincinnati, St. Louis, and other western ports, have leave to withdraw their memorial.

Mr. Cameron presented a petition of citizens of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying that the bill (H. R. 603) to amend and continue in force the act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington may become a law as it passed the House of Representatives: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of John P. Baldwin be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

Ordered, That the bill (H. R. 571) to establish the territorial government of Oregon be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Atherton, from the Committee on Printing, to whom were referred three memorials of religious Societies of Friends, reported "that the memorials be not printed."

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on Territories, to whom was referred

the memorial of D. V. Quenaudon, reported "that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial."

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the bill (S. 118) creating the office of Assistant Secretary of State, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Sevier also submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 595) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1848, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the petition of Alfred White, reported a bill (S. 129) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a bill (H. R. 433) for the relief of the widow and heirs of John B. Chaudonia, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 38) for the relief of the children of Stephen Johnson, deceased, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Butler, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 184) for the relief of Jacob L. Vance, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Butler, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 218) for the relief of Josiah Haskell, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Cameron, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 455) for the benefit of James Williams, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution reported by the Committee on Private Land Claims, the 27th instant, relative to the claim of the legal representatives of Julian Dubuque, deceased; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Hannegan, the 22d instant, in relation to the recent misunderstanding with the government of Brazil: and,

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, (S. 28,) on its third reading, to create the office of surveyor general of the public lands in the Territory of Oregon, and to grant donation rights to settlers therein, and for other purposes.

A motion being made by Mr. Pearce that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary:

On motion by Mr. Pearce,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (H. R. 576) to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes.

The following amendment, made as in Committee of the Whole, being under consideration:

Add the following section:

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That each non commissioned officer or private enlisted, or to be enlisted in the regular army, or regularly mustered in any volunteer company, who has served, or may serve, during the present war with Mexico, and who shall receive an honorable discharge, or who shall have been killed, or died of wounds received or sickness incurred in the course of said service, shall be entitled to receive a certificate or warrant, from the War Department, for the quantity of one hundred and sixty acres, and which may be located by the warrantee, his heirs, or legal representatives, at any land office of the United States, in one body, and in conformity to the legal subdivisions of the public lands, upon any of the public lands in such district then subject to private entry; and, upon the return of such certificate or warrant, with evidence of the location thereof having been legally made to the General Land Office, a patent shall be issued therefor: *Provided*, That if the full term for which such person shall have enlisted or volunteered shall not exceed one year, and he shall have served three months, then the said certificate or warrant shall be for eighty acres. That in the event of the death of any such non commissioned officer or private during service, or after his discharge, and before the issuing of a warrant as aforesaid, the said certificate or warrant shall be issued in favor, and inure to the benefit of his family or relatives, according to the following rules: first, to the widow; second, to his children; third, his father; fourth, his mother; and fifth, his brothers and sisters. And in the event of his children being minors, then the legally constituted guardian of such minor children shall, in conjunction with such of the children, if any, as may be of full age, upon being duly authorized by the orphans' or other court having probate jurisdiction, have power to sell and dispose of such certificate or warrant for the benefit of those interested. And all sales, mortgages, powers, or other instruments of writing, going to affect the title or claim to any such bounty right, made or executed prior to the issue of such warrant or certificate, shall be null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever, nor shall such claim to bounty right be in anywise affected by, or charged with, or subject to, the payment of any debt or claim incurred by the soldier prior to the issuing of such certificate or warrant:

On motion, by Mr. Rusk, to amend the amendment by striking out all after the word "enacted," in the first line, and inserting: "*That each non-commissioned officer, musician, and private, of the regulars, volunteers, and militia, who has engaged, or shall engage, to serve for twelve months, or during the war with Mexico, and who shall actually serve for the term of one year, unless killed or dying in the service, or who shall be discharged honorably before the expiration of the term of service, in consequence of wounds received, or sickness incurred, in the course of such service, there shall be issued by the Secretary of the Treasury a scrip for the sum of one hundred dollars, bearing interest at six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, redeemable in ten years; and to all who have served for six months, died, or been disabled in consequence of wounds received, or sickness incurred, in the course of such service, there shall be issued by the Secretary of the Treasury a scrip for the sum of fifty dollars, bearing interest at six per cent. per annum, redeemable in ten years:*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 22
Nays, ... 24

On motion by Mr. Rusk,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Butler, Cass, Chalmers, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, Mason, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Speight; Turney, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Badger, Berrien, Calhoun, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Huntington, Jarnagin, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge.

So the amendment proposed to the pending amendment was disagreed to.

On motion, by Mr. Butler, to amend the amendment by striking out all after the word "enacted," in the first line, and inserting: "*That to each non-commissioned officer, musician, and private, of the regulars, volunteers, and militia, who has engaged, or shall engage, to serve for twelve months, or during the war with Mexico, and who shall actually serve for the term of one year, unless killed or dying in the service, or who shall be discharged honorably before the expiration of his term of service, in consequence of wounds received, or sickness incurred, in the course of such service, there shall be issued by the Secretary of the Treasury a scrip for the sum of fifty dollars, bearing interest at six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, redeemable in ten years; and to all who have served for six months, died, or been discharged in consequence of wounds received, or sickness incurred, in the course of such service, there shall be issued by the Secretary of the Treasury a scrip for the sum of twenty-five dollars, bearing interest at six per cent. per annum, redeemable in ten years:*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 14 / Nays, ... 34

On motion by Mr. Breese,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Butler, Dix, Fairfield, Mason, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Badger, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge.

So the amendment proposed to the amendment was disagreed to.

On motion, by Mr. Simmons, to amend the amendment by adding thereto: "*Provided, further,* That every such non-commissioned officer, musician, and private, who shall be entitled to receive a certificate or warrant for eighty acres of the public lands, shall be allowed the option to receive such certificate, or warrant, or a treasury scrip, for the sum of fifty dollars; and when entitled to a certificate or warrant for one hundred and sixty acres, the option to receive the same, or a treasury scrip for one hundred dollars; and such scrip, whenever it is preferred to certificates or warrants for lands, shall be issued by the Secretary of the Treasury, in lieu of

such certificates or warrants; such scrip to bear an interest of six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, at the pleasure of the government:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 23

On motion by Mr. Breese,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Cass, Chalmers, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Lewis, Mason, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Turney, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Badger, Berrien, Calhoun, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Upham, Webster, Westcott.

So the amendment proposed to the pending amendment was agreed to.

A further amendment being proposed,

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1847.

Mr. Fairfield presented the petition of Sarah J. Underwood, widow of a deceased naval officer, praying a renewal of her pension: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Cilley presented a memorial of the Association of Friends for promoting the abolition of slavery, and improving the condition of the free people of color, praying such modifications of the constitution and laws of the United States as will exempt the government of the United States from any participation in the support or continuance of slavery; and that no new State may be hereafter admitted into the Union whose constitution tolerates slavery.

The reception of the memorial being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion for its reception lie on the table.

Mr. Cilley presented a petition of female inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania, praying such amendment to the constitution and laws of the United States as will abolish slavery throughout the United States.

The reception of the petition being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion for its reception lie on the table.

Mr. Cass presented a petition of citizens of Genesee county, Michigan, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Ashley submitted documents relating to the claim of James S. Conway to be released from a judgment obtained against him by the United States: which were referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Cameron presented a petition of citizens of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying that the bill passed by the House of Representatives, making certain amendments to the charter of that city, may become a law: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had presented to the President of the United States the enrolled bill entitled "An act authorizing the issue of treasury notes, a loan, and for other purposes."

Mr. Sevier presented the credentials of the Hon. Chester Ashley, chosen a Senator by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas for six years, commencing the 4th day of March, 1847: which were read.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred a joint resolution (S. R. 3) to correct an error in the act of June 17, 1844, for the relief of Mary Ann Linton, reported it with an amendment: which was read.

Mr. Butler, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of the representatives of Jacob Housman, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Jarnagin asked and obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. R. 9) of thanks to General Z. Taylor and the army under his command: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Woodbridge asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 130) declaring the assent of Congress to the sale of certain lands heretofore granted to the State of Michigan, with the salt springs therein: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Woodbridge, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. R. 10) respecting the maps and charts of the surveys of the boundary lines of the United States of America with foreign states: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Cass,

Ordered, That the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations on the memorial of William M. Blackford be recommitted to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, (S. 28,) on its third reading, to create the office of surveyor general of the public lands in the Territory of Oregon, and to grant donation rights to settlers therein, and for other purposes.

On motion, by Mr. Pearce, that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 31 / Nays, ... 13

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Cameron, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Mason, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Rusk, Simmons, Turney, Upham, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Benton, Breese, Bright, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Sevier, Speight.

So the bill was ordered to be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 596) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1848; also, a joint resolution (H. R. 55) of thanks to Major General Zachary Taylor, the officers and soldiers under his command, for their conduct in storming the city of Monterey: in which bill and resolution they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 596) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1848, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (H. R. 576) to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. Hannegan, the vote of yesterday agreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Simmons to the amendment made as in Committee of the Whole, in relation to bounty lands, was reconsidered: and the amendment proposed by Mr. Simmons was withdrawn.

On motion, by Mr. Hannegan, to amend the said amendment by inserting after the word "company" the words "*for a period not less than twelve months:*"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 38 / Nays, ... 8

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Badger, Bagby, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Butler, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Dix, Fairfield, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Mason, Miller, Morehead, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Huntington, Niles, Pearce, Westcott.

On motion, by Mr. Sevier, to amend the said amendment by striking out, lines 6 and 7, "one hundred and sixty acres," and inserting "*eighty acres:*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 17 / Nays, ... 26

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Atherton, Benton, Butler, John M. Clayton, Davis, Dayton, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Houston, Mason, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Badger, Bagby, Berrien, Bright, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham.

On motion, by Mr. Atchison, to amend the amendment by inserting the

following: "*Provided, That no land warrant issued under the provisions of this act shall be laid upon any lands of the United States to which there shall be a pre-emption right, or upon which there shall be an actual settlement and cultivation:*"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 10

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Cameron, Chalmers, Dix, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mason, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Huntington, Mangum, Miller, Webster.

On motion, by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, to amend the amendment by adding thereto: "*Provided*, That every non-commissioned officer, musician, or private, who may have entered the service for the term of six months, and who shall have served for that period, unless dying in the service, or having been honorably discharged in consequence of wounds received, or disability incurred in the service, shall, in like manner, be entitled to receive a bounty of eighty acres of land:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 17 / Nays, ... 18

On motion by Mr. Cameron,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Cameron, Chalmers, Corwin, Dix, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Morehead, Rusk, Simmons, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Badger, Bright, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Mangum, Mason, Miller, Pearce, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Yulee.

On motion, by Mr. Breese, that the Senate adjourn:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 7 / Nays, ... 32

On motion by Mr. Badger,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Breese, Cameron, Chalmers, Phelps, Rusk, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Badger, Bagby, Benton, Berrien, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Cass, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Dix, Hannegan, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Mangum, Mason, Morehead, Niles, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Turney, Upham.

On motion, by Mr. Simmons, to amend the amendment by inserting at the close thereof the following: "*Provided, further, That every such commissioned officer, musician, and private, who may be entitled, under the provisions of this act, to receive a certificate or warrant for one hundred and*

sixty acres of land, shall be allowed the option to receive such certificate or warrant, or a treasury scrip for one hundred dollars; and such scrip, whenever it is preferred, shall be issued by the Secretary of the Treasury to such person or persons as will be authorized to receive such scrip, to bear an interest of six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, redeemable at the pleasure of the government:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 21 / Nays, ... 20

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Cass, Chalmers, Dix, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Mason, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Turney, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Atchison, Badger, Berrien, Calhoun, Cameron, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Upham, Westcott.

On motion, by Mr. Benton, to amend the amendment by striking out "legal representatives," and inserting "*heirs-at-law:*"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 21 / Nays, ... 18

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Dix, Houston, Lewis, Mason, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Speight, Turney, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Badger, Berrien, Cilley, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Simmons, Upham.

On motion, by Mr. Rusk, to amend the amendment by striking out all the amendment after the word "that," in the first line, and, in lieu thereof, inserting:

"*To each non-commissioned officer, musician, and private, of the regulars, volunteers, and militia, who has engaged, or shall engage, to serve for twelve months or during the war with Mexico, and who shall actually serve for the term of one year, unless killed or dying in the service, or who shall be discharged honorably before the expiration of his term of service, in consequence of wounds received, or sickness incurred, in the course of such service, there shall be issued by the Secretary of the Treasury a scrip for the sum of ninety dollars, bearing interest at six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, and redeemable in ten years; and to all who shall have served for six months, died, or been discharged in consequence of wounds received, or sickness incurred, in the course of such service, there shall be issued by the Secretary of the Treasury a scrip for the sum of forty-five dollars, bearing interest at six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, and redeemable in ten years:*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 14 / Nays, ... 26

On motion by Mr. Rusk,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Butler, Cilley, Dix, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Mason, Niles, Rusk, Sevier.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Badger, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Simmons, Speight, Turney, Upham.

On the question to concur in the said amendment, as amended:

It was determined in the affirmative.

The residue of the amendments made as in Committee of the Whole having been concurred in, and the bill being further amended on the motion of Mr. Benton:

On motion, by Mr. Benton, that the Senate adjourn:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 12 / Nays, ... 24

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Atchison, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Houston, Jarnagin, Miller, Pearce, Rusk, Turney, Upham, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atherton, Badger, Bagby, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Dix, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Mangum, Mason, Niles, Sevier, Yulee.

No further amendments being proposed:

On the question "Shall the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 33 / Nays, ... 8

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Badger, Bagby, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, John M. Clayton, Dayton, Dix, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Mangum, Mason, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Turney, Upham, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Cilley, Corwin, Davis.

So it was

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, February 1, 1847.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating a report of the acting Commissioner of the General Land Office, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate

in relation to surveys of private land claims at the Sault de St. Marie: which was read.

Ordered, That it be printed, and that the accompanying maps be engraved.

Mr. Dayton presented the credentials of the honorable Jacob W. Miller, chosen a Senator by the legislature of the State of New Jersey for the term of six years from and after the 4th day of March, 1847: which were read.

On motion by Mr. Speight,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William H. Prentiss; and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Davis presented a petition of citizens of Starbridge, Massachusetts, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Atherton presented a memorial of citizens of New Hampshire, praying the construction of a dry dock at Portsmouth, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Simmons presented the petition of Ezekiel Potter, praying compensation for his services as a soldier in the last war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Simmons presented the memorial of the heirs of John S. and Nicholas G. Boss, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Simmons presented three petitions of citizens and female inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying such an amendment to the constitution and laws as will abolish slavery throughout the United States.

The reception of the petitions being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion for their reception lie on the table.

Mr. Cilley presented a petition of ship-owners and others, citizens of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, praying that the act of March 2, 1837, concerning pilots, may not be repealed.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Cilley presented a petition of citizens of Cheshire county, New Hampshire, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Hannegan presented a petition of citizens of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying that the bill which passed the House of Representatives, amending the charter of that city, may become a law: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Dayton presented the memorial of Eliza Hartshorne and others, inhabitants of Monmouth, New Jersey, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the select committee on the subject.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Monroe county, New York, praying that the Tonawanda band of Seneca Indians may be exempted from the operation of the treaty concluded between the United States and the Seneca Indians in the year 1842: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Badger presented the memorial of the heirs of Jeremiah Mastin, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800: which was referred to the select committee on the subject.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the petition of Priscilla Green, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

Ordered, That David Robb have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Ashley submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the admiralty and maritime jurisdiction of the district courts of the United States to all cases arising on the navigable waters of the United States.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate in relation to the articles of the existing tariff on which the duties may be increased; the articles on which a reduction of existing duties may be made; the articles not now subject to duty, on which duties may be imposed; and the extent of such augmentation or reduction.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Josiah Colston, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Rodolphine Claxton, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 131) for the relief of Rodolphine Claxton, widow of Alexander Claxton, late a commander in the navy.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill (S. 132) to separate the staff of the marine corps from the line: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Fairfield also submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 602) to provide for the establishment of additional post routes in the State of Texas, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill last mentioned; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of the Board of Commissioners of the Northern Liberties, in the county of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, praying the construction of a dry dock at that city: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Cameron presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The joint resolution (H. R. 55) of thanks to Major General Zachary Taylor, the officers and soldiers under his command, for their conduct in storming the city of Monterey, was read.

The amendments to the bill (H. R. 576) to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time.

On motion, by Mr. Houston, that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs, with instructions to amend the bill as follows:

Section 1, line 4, after "organized," insert, "*an auxiliary corps.*"

Section 1, line 5, after the word "Mexico," insert, "*to consist of.*"

Section 1, line 10, after the word "laws," insert, "*and the provisions of this act.*"

Section 1, strike out the proviso, and, in lieu thereof, insert: "*Provided, That the volunteers composing the companies of the respective regiments aforesaid shall elect their company officers as soon as the said companies shall be filled; and the said officers shall thereupon be commissioned in the same manner as hereinafter provided for the appointment of the field officers; And the company officers and men of the said regiments, respectively, shall elect the field officers thereof as soon as all the companies of each regiment shall have reached their place of rendezvous. And whenever the aforesaid elections of company and field officers shall have been certified to the President, conformably to such regulations as he shall make, he is hereby authorized to commission the said officers so elected. When vacancies occur in the said regiments, they shall be filled according to grade; and where there is no commissioned officer of inferior grade to the vacancy in the company in which it occurs, the same shall be supplied by promotion to the said vacancy of the highest non-commissioned officer.*"

Section 2, line 2, strike out the word "enlistment," and insert "*service.*"

Section 2, line 3, strike out the words "to be recruited," and insert, "*who shall volunteer.*"

Add the following sections:

"SEC. —. *And be it further enacted, That the colonel of each regiment shall appoint the regimental staff; and said staff shall consist of one adjutant, one quartermaster, one commissary, and one paymaster, (to be taken from the subalterns of the regiment,) and one surgeon, and two assistant surgeons.*

"SEC. —. *And be it further enacted, That so soon as the several officers are elected they shall enter upon their respective duties, and so soon as they receive their commissions they shall take and subscribe an oath to 'support the constitution of the United States, and to be governed by the rules and articles of war,' which oath shall be administered by the adjutant, or inspector general of the command, and the same shall be endorsed on the commission, and certified by report of the fact to the Adjutant General at Washington city.*"

On motion by Mr. Huntington to amend the proposed instructions by striking out all after the words "amend the bill," and, in lieu thereof, inserting, "*by striking out the following proviso to the 9th section: 'Provided, further,* That every such commissioned officer, musician, and private, who may be entitled, under the provisions of this act, to receive a certificate or warrant for one hundred and sixty acres of land, shall be allowed the option to receive such certificate or warrant, or a treasury scrip

for one hundred dollars; and such scrip, whenever it is preferred, shall be issued by the Secretary of the Treasury to such person or persons as will be authorized to receive such scrip, to bear an interest of six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, redeemable at the pleasure of the government:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 18 / Nays, ... 28

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Badger, Berrien, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Huntington, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mason, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

On the question to recommit the bill with the proposed instructions:

It was determined in the negative.

On the question "Shall this bill pass with amendments?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 39 / Nays, ... 3

On motion by Mr. Hannegan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Badger, Bagby, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Dayton, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Mason, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Phelps, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Cilley, Corwin, Davis.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 2, 1847.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made agreeably to law, accompanied by an abstract of the returns of the militia of all the States and Territories, with their arms, accoutrements, and ammunition, taken from the latest returns: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bright, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 602) to provide for the establishment of additional post routes in the State of Texas.

Mr. Benton presented a petition of citizens of Washington, in the Dis-

trict of Columbia, praying that the bill which passed the House of Representatives, amending the charter of the city of Washington, may become a law: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Pearce presented the petition of Little and Brown, praying compensation for publishing the 7th and 8th volumes of the laws of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

Mr. Archer presented a memorial of coal owners and iron masters, of Virginia, praying that the duties on foreign coal and iron may be increased: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the heirs of Antoine Peltier, and the legal representatives of Pierre Menard and Joseph Placy, have leave to withdraw the documents, on the files of the Senate, relating to their claim.

Mr. Dix submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate to the Senate such information in possession of the Executive departments, in relation to the importation of foreign criminals and paupers, as he may deem consistent with the public interest so to communicate.

Mr. Bagby submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That after this day the Senate will meet at 11 o'clock, a. m.

On motion by Mr. Cameron,

Ordered, That three thousand additional copies be printed of the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the commerce and navigation of the United States.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles:

H. R. 575. An act for the reduction of the costs and expenses of proceedings in admiralty against ships and vessels;

H. R. 637. An act to regulate the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels;

in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the United States approved and signed, the 26th January, the bill (H. R. 404) for the relief of Julius Eldred and Francis E. Eldred, for expenses and services in removing the copper rock from lake Superior; and, the 28th January, the bill (H. R. 600) authorizing the issue of treasury notes, a loan, and for other purposes.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined; and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Cass, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred a memorial of Robert M. Harrison, reported a bill (S. 133) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the memorial of John M. Moore, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 134) to compensate John M. Moore.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the petition of Creed Taylor, reported a bill (S. 135) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Badger, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 36) for the relief of John Stockton, late a lieutenant in the army of the United States, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 487) granting a pension to Silas Chatfield, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Breese, from the Coumittee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 610) to authorize the constituted authorities of the city of Dubuque, in the State of Iowa, to enter certain islands between the landings of said city and the main channel of the Mississippi river, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That certain documents accompanying the bill be printed.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 130) declaring the consent of Congress to the sale of certain lands heretofore granted to the State of Michigan, with the salt springs thereon, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, reported a bill (S. 136) for the relief of the heirs of Jethro Wood: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The resolution (H. R. 55) of thanks to Major General Zachary Taylor, the officers and soldiers under his command, for their conduct in storming the city of Monterey, was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof, be postponed until to-morrow.

The bill (S. 105) making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion, by Mr. Berrien, that the further consideration thereof be postponed to Thursday, the 4th instant:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 28 / Nays, ... 16

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Rusk, Simmons, Upham, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cass, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney.

So it was

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to Thursday, the 4th instant.

On motion by Mr. Badger,

Ordered, That the message of the President of the United States of the fourth day of August last, the two letters accompanying the same, and the proceedings of the Senate thereon, be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 10) to establish a land office in the northern part of Michigan, and to provide for the sale of mineral lands in the State of Michigan and Territory of Wisconsin; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The two bills this day brought from the House of Representatives for concurrence were read a first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 575 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and that the bill numbered 637 be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1847.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the crendentials of the honorable Pierre Soulé, chosen a Senator by the legislature of the State of Louisiana to fill the vacancy occasioned by the decease of the honorable Alexander Barrow: which were read.

The oath prescribed by law was administered to Mr. Soulé; and he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Cayuga county, and a petition of citizens of Genesee county, in the State of New York, praying that the Tonawanda band of Seneca Indians may be exempted from the operation of the treaty concluded between the United States and the Seneca nation, in the year 1842: which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of the city of New York, praying the re-establishment of the branch post office in Chatham square, New York: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Chalmers presented the petition of Martin Renehan, doorkeeper at the Executive mansion, praying to be allowed by law the same compensation as is paid to others discharging similar duties in the Executive departments of the government: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Yulee submitted a document showing the number of vessels brought into the port of Key West in distress, their value, and the amount of salvage, and other expenses, during the year 1846: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I communicate herewith reports of the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Treasury, with accompanying documents, in answer to a resolution of the Senate "requesting the President to inform the Senate whether any funds of the government, and, if any, what amount, have been remitted from the Atlantic States to New Orleans, or to the disbursing

officers of the American army in Mexico since the first of September last; and, if any remitted, in what funds remitted; whether in gold or silver coin, treasury notes, bank notes, or bank checks; and, if in whole or in part remitted in gold and silver, what has been the expense to the government of each of said remittances.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *February* 3, 1847.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had yesterday presented to the President of the United States the enrolled bill (H. R. 602) "to provide for the establishment of additional post routes in the State of Texas."

Mr. Miller, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 465) for the relief of the assignees of the late Bank of Alexandria, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Speight, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred certain memorials on the subject, reported a bill (S. 137) to exempt certain articles imported by literary institutions from the payment of duty: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of members of the General Assembly of Ohio, in favor of the division of the State into two judicial districts.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 584) to reorganize the district courts of the United States in the State of Alabama, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolution (S. R. 10) respecting the maps and charts of the surveys of the boundary lines of the United States of America with foreign States, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution (S. R. 10) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Yulee, the 17th December, for engraving a map of Florida; which, having been amended, was agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate cause to be engraved the topographical map of the peninsula of Florida, prepared under direction of the War Department, and furnished to the Senate in compliance with a resolution: *Provided*, The expense of the same shall not exceed five hundred dollars.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted yesterday by Mr. Bagby, "that after this day the Senate will meet at 11 o'clock, a. m.:" and,

On the question to agree thereto:

It was determined in the negative.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted the 22d January, by Mr. Niles, to direct the procuring of maps of Mexico; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Territories on the memorial of D. V. Quenaudon: and, in concurrence therewith,

Ordered, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Printing on the motion to print the memorial of the Baltimore yearly meeting of Friends, the memorial of the yearly meeting of Friends held in Philadelphia, and the memorial of the religious Society of Friends of Indiana yearly meeting, to wit: "That the memorials be not printed:" and,

On the question to *concur* in the report:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 23 / Nays, ... 21

On motion by Mr. Atherton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Dix, Hannegan, Houston, Niles, Rusk, Soulé, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

So the motion to print the memorials was not agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the memorial of Henry Wright, administrator of William Bunce; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of the executor of James Leander Cathcart: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Indian Affairs on the memorial of Benjamin Crawford: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That Benjamin Crawford is not entitled to any redress from the United States for or on account of the military seizure of his person and property, set forth in his memorial.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Daniel Homans: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office on the claim of Ross Winans: and,

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of William Saunders and William R. Porter, sureties of William Estis: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Richard G. Dove: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of the legal representatives of George Mayo, deceased: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Public Lands on the petition of Philip Pearce: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted; and that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Pensions on the memorial Naomi Davis: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

The joint resolution (S. R. 9) of thanks to Major General Z. Taylor, and the army under his command, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and,

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (H. R. 55) of thanks to Major General Zachary Taylor, the officers and soldiers under his command, for their conduct in storming the city of Monterey.

On motion, by Mr. Speight, to amend the resolution by striking out the following proviso: "*Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed into an approbation of the terms of the capitulation of Monterey:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 33 / Nays, ... 15

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Benton, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Rusk, Simmons, Soulé, Speight, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Cass, Dix, Hannegan, Niles, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney, Yulee.

On motion, by Mr. Webster, to amend the joint resolution by striking out all the first resolution after the enacting clause, and inserting, "*That the thanks of Congress are due and hereby tendered to Major General Zachary Taylor, his officers and men, for the fortitude, skill, enterprise, and courage which distinguished the late brilliant military operations at Monterey:*"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 23

On motion by Mr. Webster,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cass, Chalmers, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Soulé, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

So the amendment was agreed to.

No further amendment being made, the resolution was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the resolution read a third time.

The said resolution was read a third time as amended: and

The title having been amended,

On the question, Shall this resolution pass?

It was determined in the affirmative—Yeas, ... 43

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Atherton, Badger, Benton, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Soulé, Speight, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

So it was

Resolved, That this resolution pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Crittenden, by unanimous consent, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 138) for the relief of General Robert Armstrong: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That it be referred to a select committee consisting of three members, to be appointed by the Vice President: and

Mr. Crittenden, Mr. Turney, and Mr. Yulee, were accordingly appointed the committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 605) making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th of June, 1847, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The said bill (H. R. 605) from the House of Representatives was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 4, 1847.

Mr. Dix presented two petitions of citizens of New York, praying that a portion of public land may be set apart for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a preamble and resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Michigan, in favor of changing the present system of leasing the mineral lands of the United States.

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Chalmers presented a petition of citizens of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying that the bill which passed the House of Representatives, amending the charter of the city of Washington, may become a law: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the petition of Jane Sproston, widow of a deceased naval surgeon, praying a renewal of her pension: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented a memorial of the Baltimore and Philadelphia Steamboat Company, praying certain modifications of the act of February 18, 1793, regulating the coasting trade of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dix submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That on and after Monday next the Senate will meet at 11 o'clock, a. m.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill (S. 139) reviving certain naval pensions for the term of five years: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of T. P. McColley and others, reported a bill (S. 140) to authorize the issuing of a register to the brigantine Ocean Queen: which was read, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 483. An act for the relief of Harvey Reynolds;

H. R. 484. An act for the relief of Catharine Stevenson;

H. R. 486. An act for the relief of Ann Clayton;

H. R. 507. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Fitch;

H. R. 508. An act for the relief of Thankful Reynolds;

H. R. 509. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Calkins, the widow of Silas Winans;

H. R. 511. An act for the relief of Jonathan Hoyt;

reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 203. An act to increase the pension of Roswell Hale;

H. R. 485. An act for the relief of Edith Ramey;

reported the same without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of War, of the 15th January, communicating copies of instructions to commissioners under the 17th article of the Cherokee treaty of 1835, be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Bronson, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 141) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 59) for the relief of Ray Tompkins and others, children

and heirs-at law of the late Daniel D. Tompkins, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 105) making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion: and,

On motion by Mr. Badger,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The bill (S. 51) to allow arrearages of pension to Hugh W. Dobbin, an officer in the late war, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and,

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The bill (S. 55) for the relief of the several persons therein named was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?

It was determined in the *negative*.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the 2d and 5th amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 576) to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes; agree to the 3d, 4th, 6th, and 7th amendments of the Senate, with amendments; and disagree to the 1st amendment of the Senate to the same.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments to the bill last mentioned: and,

On motion by Mr. Badger,

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 595) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1848: and,

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (H. R. 12) authorizing and directing the examination and settlement of the claims of Alexander M. Cumming; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the resolution read a third time.

The said resolution was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this resolution pass, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 49) to extend the time for selling the lands granted to the Kentucky asylum for teaching the deaf and dumb, together with the amendment reported thereto; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill (S. 66) for the relief of Peter Capella, administrator of Andrew Capella, deceased, and for the relief of John Capo, was read a second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and, having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills and joint resolution:

S. 12. A bill granting a pension to Joseph Morrison.

S. 7. A bill granting a pension to John Clark.

S. 5. A bill for the relief of Joseph Wilson.

S. 8. A bill to amend an act confirming certain land claims in the State of Michigan.

S. 11. A bill for the relief of Shadrach Gillet and others.

S. 53. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Jaques Moulon.

S. R. 1. Joint resolution in favor of David Shaw and Solomon T. Conser.

And no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bills and resolution were read a third time.

Resolved, That the said bills and resolution pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The following bills and resolution were read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole:

S. 47. A bill for the relief of Thomas Douglass, late United States attorney for East Florida.

S. 56. A bill for the relief of George Gordon.

S. 57. A bill for the relief of Nathaniel Kuykendall.

S. 58. A bill for the relief of Thomas Rhodes.

S. 34. A bill for the relief of Thomas Brownell.

S. 61. A bill for the relief of the personal representative of William A. Slacum, deceased.

S. 63. A bill for the relief of Madison Allen.

S. 67. A bill for the relief of Francis Summeraner.

S. 68. A bill for the relief of Peter Frost.

S. R. 6. Joint resolution for the relief of Orlando Saltmarsh, and William Fuller.

And no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bills and resolution were read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That they pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (S. 74) for the relief of Thomas Blanchard was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill (S. 75) for the relief of Jeanette C. Huntington, widow and sole executrix of William D. Cheever, deceased, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1847.

The Vice President laid before the Senate the credentials of the honorable Presley Spruance, chosen a Senator by the legislature of the State of Delaware for the term of six years, commencing the fourth day of March, 1847: which were read.

Ordered, That they lie on file.

Mr. Badger presented the credentials of the honorable Willie P. Mangum, chosen a Senator by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina for the term of six years, commencing the fourth day of March, 1847: which were read.

Ordered, That they lie on file.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of documents relating to the claim of Sarah E. Graham; and that they be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Breese presented a petition of citizens of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying that the bill which passed the House of Representatives, amendatory of the charter of the city of Washington, may become a law: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Ashley submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing post routes from Whittington's, in Hot Spring county, to Dallas, in Polk county, *via* Mount Ida and Caddo Cove; and from Salem, in Fulton county, Arkansas, to Rockbridge, Missouri, *via* Benjamin Hawkins's, on Bennett's bayou.

Mr. Speight, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 605) making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th of June, 1848, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 496) to provide for the final settlement of the accounts of John Spencer, late receiver of public moneys at Fort Wayne, Indiana, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Devlin, submitted a report, accompanied by a joint resolution (S. R. 11) for his relief.

The resolution was read, and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was

referred the petition of Pearson Cogswell, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 142) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Frederick Dawson, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 143) for the relief of Frederick Dawson, James Schott, and Elisha D. Whitney, creditors of the late republic of Texas.

The bill was read, and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 144) confirming the claim of the heirs and legal representatives of Pierre Dufresne to a tract of land: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Millitary Affairs, to whom were referred the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 576) "to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," amended and disagreed to by the House of Representatives, reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments to the bill last mentioned: and

Resolved, That they disagree to the amendments of the House of Representatives to their 3d, 4th, 6th, and 7th amendments to the said bill; insist on their 1st amendment disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses.

On motion by Mr. Speight,

Ordered, That the committee of conference consist of three members, to be appointed by the Vice President: and

Mr. Dix, Mr. Crittenden, and Mr. Cass, were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 595) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1848, with the amendment reported thereto; and the reported amendment being agreed to, and the bill further amended, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question to concur in the following amendment:

"*For interest upon sixty thousand dollars, borrowed by the Cherokee delegations, in Washington city, in the month of August last, which should have been advanced to them by the United States under the treaty of* 1846 *with the Cherokee nation, one thousand eight hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be needed:*"

It was determined in the negative.

The residue of the amendments made in Committee of the Whole having been concurred in,

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion, by Mr. Simmons, to reconsider the vote of yesterday on the

engrossment of the bill (S. 55) for the relief of the several persons therein named:

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion: and,

After debate,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1847.

Mr. Allen presented a petition of citizens of Wadsworth, Ohio, praying that a portion of public land may be set apart for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Allen presented the proceedings of a meeting of citizens of Belmont county, Ohio, approving the measures adopted and recommended by the administration for the prosecution of the war with Mexico, and deprecating the introduction into the national councils of any question calculated to embarrass the action of the government in bringing the war to a conclusion.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Mangum presented a memorial of the Cherokee Indians who have become citizens of Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee, commonly called Eastern Cherokees, praying an equitable adjustment of their claims under the treaty of 1835, concluded between the United States and the Cherokee Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Breese presented the petition of Nehemiah Brush, praying a pension in consideration of injuries received in the military service of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Breese presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Illinois, in favor of extending the benefits of the pension laws to those who were engaged in the military service of the United States as rangers during the last war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That they be printed.

Mr. Breese presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Illinois, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to endeavor to procure an appropriation for improving the Mississippi and the lake harbors.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Breese presented a preamble and resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Illinois, in favor of reducing and graduating the price of the public lands, or of ceding them to the States in which they lie.

Ordered, That the preamble and resolutions be printed.

Mr. Webster presented the petition of Jean B. Beaubien, a citizen of Illinois, praying the confirmation of his title to a tract of land: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Webster presented a petition of citizens of Monroe county, New York, praying that the Tonawanda band of Indians may be exempted from the operation of the treaty of 1842, concluded between the United States and the Seneca nation of Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Evans presented a petition of citizens of Bluehill, Maine, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Dix presented resolutions passed by the legislature of New York, declaring it to be the duty of every citizen to sustain the government in the prosecution of the existing war with Mexico until terminated by an honorable peace; that no peace with that republic can be regarded as honorable to the United States that does not insure full indemnity to her citizens for all aggressions committed by Mexico upon their rights; and that in any territory hereafter acquired by or annexed to the United States, slavery or involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime, should be forever excluded.

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Maryland, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure appropriations for a light boat on Seven-foot Knoll, in the Chesapeake bay, a light-house on Greenbury's point, in Annapolis river, and a light-house at the mouth of Annamessex river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Bagby submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, (as the opinion of the Senate,) That the resolution of the legislature of New York, "that if any territory is hereafter acquired by the United States, or annexed thereto, the act by which such territory is acquired or annexed, whatever such act may be, should contain an unalterable fundamental article or provision whereby slavery or involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime, shall be forever excluded from the territory acquired or annexed," is in derogation of the constitution of the United States, and at war with the rights and interests of the States in which slavery exists.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the administrator of Jacob Housman, deceased, have leave to withdraw the documents relating to the claim.

Mr. Rusk, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Caleb Green, submitted a report, accompanied by a joint resolution (S. 12) for his relief.

The resolution was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Rusk, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Watson, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 145) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Rusk, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the following bills:

H. R. 494. An act for the relief of John C. Stewart and others;

H. R. 497. An act for the relief of the estates of Benjamin Metoyer and François Gaiennie, deceased; reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Upham, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Abigail Garland, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 146) granting a pension to Abigail Garland, widow of Jacob Garland, deceased.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Yulee, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 147) to establish a court at Key West, in the State of Florida: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Morehead, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 148) to amend the act entitled "An act extending the jurisdiction of the district courts to certain cases upon the lakes and navigable waters connecting the same, approved the 26th of February, 1845: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the documents relating to the claim of James S. Conway, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 149) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of James F. Sothoron, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 150) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 599) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1848, and for other purposes: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives insist on their amendments to the amendments of the Senate, and on their disagreement to the first amendment of the Senate, to the bill (H. R. 576) "to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes;" agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses; and have appointed Mr. Boyd, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, managers at the same on their part.

The bill (H. R. 599) this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 114) to regulate the exercise of the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States in certain cases, and for other purposes; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that its title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Badger, by unanimous consent, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 151) to change the time of holding one of the terms of the circuit court of the United States for the district of North Carolina;

which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, by unanimous consent, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 152) supplemental to the act passed the 9th day of July, in the year 1846, entitled "An act to retrocede the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, to the State of Virginia:" which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Morehead,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, February 8, 1847.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Navy, made agreeably to law, accompanied by a statement of appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1846: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Westcott presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Florida, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure appropriations for a light-house at Indian River bar; a light-house at the mouth of the Suwannee river; a light-house on Egmont key, in the harbor of Tampa Bay, and for rebuilding the light-house at New Smyrna, in said State: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Westcott presented a preamble and resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Florida, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representative of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure a grant to the State of Florida of the barracks and grounds belonging to the United States at St. Augustine: which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Westcott presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Florida, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representative of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the passage of an act for the payment of the claims of the State of Florida to a portion of the surplus revenue distributed under the act of July 23, 1836, among the several States and Territories; and protesting against the liability of that State for a balance claimed by the United States on a settlement of the accounts of the expenditures for territorial militia in the years 1839, 1840, and 1841: which were referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Westcott presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Florida, in relation to the dilapidated condition of the United States

bridge over the St. Sebastian river, and the defenceless state of the coast of Florida; in favor of the application of the unexpended balance of a former appropriation for removing obstructions in the Oclawaha river, and in relation to the application of an existing appropriation for the improvement of Indian river and Mosquito lagoon: which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Westcott presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Florida, in favor of the establishment of a mail route from Milton, in that State, to Sparta, in Alabama; and in favor of the establishment of a post office at Fernandina, in the State of Florida: which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Westcott presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Florida, in favor of passing an act granting indemnity to the citizens of that State whose property was destroyed during the Seminole war: which was referred to the Committee of Claims, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Calhoun presented a petition of the Irish Emigrant Society of New York, praying the further legislation of Congress in relation to passenger ships: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Niles presented the petition of citizens of Stonington, Connecticut, praying an appropriation for a floating light in Fisher's Island sound: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Niles presented a petition of assistants and clerks in the post office at Boston, praying an increase of their compensation: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of citizens of the county of Steuben, New York, remonstrating against any increase of the present rates of postage: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Dickinson presented the memorial of George M. Danforth, praying the adoption of measures for the better security of lives and property against shipwreck on the coasts adjacent to the harbor of New York: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dickinson presented the petition of John B. Goodenough, praying to be allowed the bounty land due for the services of his father in the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dickinson presented two petitions of citizens and female inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying such an amendment to the constitution and laws of the United States as will abolish slavery throughout the Union.

The reception of the petitions being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion for their reception lie on the table.

Mr. Fairfield presented the memorial of T. P. McBlair, a purser in the navy, praying that the accounting officers may be directed to allow him a credit in his accounts for payments to certain acting forward officers on board the United States steamship Princeton: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Miller presented a petition of citizens of the counties of Salem and Gloucester, New Jersey, praying the adoption of measures for settling all international difficulties without recourse to war: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the petition of Daniel Gardner, a naval pensioner of the United States, praying to be allowed an increase and arrears of pension: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a preamble and resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to vote against any measure for the acquisition of territory by the United States, unless on condition that slavery or involuntary servitude, except for crime, shall be forever prohibited therein.

The preamble and resolution were read.

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Mason presented two petitions of citizens of Frederick and the adjacent counties, in Virginia, praying the establishment of a district court with circuit jurisdiction at Winchester, in that State: which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Cilley presented a petition of citizens of Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Yulee, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Andrew D. Crosby, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 153) for the relief of the heirs of Andrew D. Crosby.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Yulee, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of William A. Christian, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 154) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 53) relative to the preparation and transmission of medals to certain French, British, and Spanish officers, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Speight, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 596) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1848, reported it with amendments: which were read.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles:

H. R. 604. An act making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1848;

H. R. 645. An act for the payment of any interest falling due on the public debt;

in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the United States approved and signed, the 2d instant, the enrolled bill (H. R. 602) "for the establishment of additional post routes in the State of Texas."

The bill (H. R. 604) making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1848, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill (H. R. 645) to provide for the payment of any interest falling

due on the public debt, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 605) making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th June, 1848, with the amendments reported thereto: and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The resolution (S. 10) respecting the maps and charts of the surveys of the boundary lines of the United States of America with foreign States, was read a third time.

Resolved, That this resolution pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The engrossed bill (S. 74) for the relief of Thomas Blanchard was read a third time, and amended, on the motion of Mr. Niles, by unanimous consent.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 4

On motion by Mr. Turney,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Badger, Bagby, Berrien, Breese, Butler, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Mangum, Mason, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Speight, Sturgeon.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Atherton, Niles, Sevier, Turney.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of Thomas Blanchard."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill (S. 94) to provide for transporting the mail of the United States to Oregon was read a second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Niles,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the order of the day for Monday, the 15th instant.

The bill (S. 95) in amendment of an act entitled "An act to reduce the

rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the Post Office Department," was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and,

On motion by Mr. Niles,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for Monday, the 15th instant.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 645) "to provide for the payment of any interest falling due on the public debt."

Mr. Dix, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 576) "to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," reported:

"That they have met the conferees on the part of the House of Representatives; and, after free and full conference on the subject of the disagreeing votes, have agreed to recommend, and do recommend to the respective houses, as follows:

1. That the Senate recede from its amendment to the first section of the bill striking out the remainder of the section after the word "war," and agree that the section stand as originally passed by the House, with an amendment inserting after the word "act," in the 18th line, the words *excepting the field officers of the aforesaid regiments.*

2. That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House striking out the word "one" from the 6th line of the 3d amendment of the Senate, and inserting the word *two*, and agree to the same.

3. That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House to the 4th amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with the following amendments, viz: Strike out "five hundred," in the 10th line, and insert *seven hundred and fifty;* strike out "shall," in the 13th line, and insert *may at the discretion of the Secretary of War.*

4. That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House to the 6th amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment striking out of said amendment of the House the word "eighty," in the 8th line of said amendment, and inserting *forty;* striking out the word "fifty," in the 9th line of said amendment, and inserting *twenty-five;* striking out in the 14th line, and after the word "mother," to and including the word "sisters," in the 15th line.

5. That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House to the 7th amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report: and

On the question, Will the Senate agree to the first recommendation of the committee of conference, to wit:

"That the Senate recede from its amendment to the first section of the bill striking out the remainder of the section after the word "war," and agree that the section stand as originally passed by the House, with an

amendment inserting after the word 'act,' in the 18th line, the words, excepting the field officers of the aforesaid regiments:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 18 / Nays, ... 22

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cass, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Soulé, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Corwin, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Mason, Miller, Niles, Pearce, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge, Yulee.

The residue of the report of the committee of conference having been agreed to,

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the 2d, 3d, 4th, and 5th recommendations of the report of the committee of conference, and that they do not agree to the first recommendation contained therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion: and,

After debate,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 9, 1847.

Mr. Dickinson presented a petition of citizens of Cayuga county, New York, praying that the Tonawanda band of Indians may be exempted from the operation of the treaty of 1842, concluded between the United States and the Seneca nation of Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Miller presented five petitions of citizens and inhabitants of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying certain amendments to the act incorporating the inhabitants of the city of Washington; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Bagby presented five petitions of citizens and inhabitants of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying that the sale of intoxicating liquors may be prohibited in the Capitol and grounds adjacent thereto: which were referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of R. H. Champion and P. F. Dering, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 155) to grant a right of pre-emption to Philip F. Dering and Robert H. Champion to a tract of mineral land.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Naval Affairs on the petition of Hans Nelson: and, in concurrence therewith,

Ordered, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the claim of the administrator of Jacob Housman, deceased: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Naval Affairs on the memorial of Josiah Colston: and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition should not be granted.

Mr. Speight, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 604) making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1848, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill last mentioned as in Committee of the Whole: and

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The bill (S. 45) to repeal the act of the 2d of March, 1837, entitled "An act concerning pilots," was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to morrow.

On motion by Mr. Butler,

Ordered, That a further conference be asked of the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 576) to raise for a limited time an additional military force, and for other purposes; and that the Vice President appoint the committee of conference on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Mangum, Mr. Dickinson, and Mr. Niles having been appointed the committee of conference:

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the recommendations of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 576) "to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes."

The President of the United States this day approved and signed the bill (H. R. 645) to provide for the payment of any interest falling due on the public debt.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion: and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Speight, the vote of this day postponing until to-morrow the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 604) making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1848, was reconsidered: and

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said bill as in Committee

of the Whole; and having been amended, the bill was reported to the Senate.

On motion, by Mr. Badger, that the Senate adjourn:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 22 / Nays, ... 20

On motion by Mr. Turney,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Upham, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Mason, Niles, Sevier, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott.

So the Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 10, 1847.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, communicating, agreeably to law, a statement of the expenditures during the year 1846 from the appropriation for the contingent expenses of the military establishment: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fairfield presented the memorial of Foxhall A. Parker, praying to be allowed, in the settlement of his accounts, for certain expenditures on public account, while commanding the United States squadron in the East Indies: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Fairfield presented the petition of G. W. Fulton, praying an examination of the merits of an improvement invented by him in the mode of propelling vessels by steam: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Woodbridge presented a petition of citizens of Washtenaw, Michigan, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Davis presented a petition of citizens of New Bedford, Massachusetts, and a petition of citizens of Southborough, Massachusetts, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico: which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Breese submitted additional documents in relation to the claim of Priscilla Green: which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Soulé presented the memorial of James Pennoyer, praying compensation for his services in rescuing a United States vessel and crew in distress, and indemnity for the loss of property in consequence of his interposition: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Soulé presented a preamble and resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Louisiana, accompanied by a memorial of members of the bar of New Orleans, in that State, in favor of the passage of a law providing that the mode of proceeding in civil cases shall be adopted in cases in equity in the courts of the United States in Louisiana: which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Soulé presented the memorial of Edmund J. Forstall, in behalf of

Hope and Company, of Amsterdam, and others, holders of certain bonds issued by the Bank of Pensacola under a charter from the Territorial legislature of Florida, praying indemnity against loss in consequence of the failure of that institution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dix presented the petition of David N. Smith, praying a pension in consideration of wounds received in the military service of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Oneida county, New York, praying that the Tonawanda band of Indians may be exempted from the operation of the treaty of 1842, between the United States and the Seneca nation: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Greene presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations in favor of the policy of protecting the domestic manufactures of the country, the re-enactment of the tariff of 1842, and adverse to the present system of collecting the revenues of the government in gold and silver; protesting against the acquisition of territory by conquest or otherwise, for the purpose of establishing slave-holding States, and the introduction of slaves into any portion of the United States or their Territories where slavery does not already exist, and instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to support any measures for the re-establishment of peace between the United States and Mexico consistent with the rights and honor of the country.

Ordered, That the resolutions lie on the table, and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That Charles Stearns have leave to withdraw his memorial.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 437. An act for the relief of Isaac Guess;

H. R. 474. An act for the relief of the heirs of Hyacinth Lasselle;

reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 571) to establish the Territorial government of Oregon, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Morehead, from the select committee appointed the 17th December, on the subject of the claims of American citizens to be indemnified for spoliations committed under the authority of France prior to the year 1800, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 156) to provide for the ascertainment and satisfaction of claims of American citizens for spoliations committed by the French prior to the 31st day of July, 1801.

The bill was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

Ordered, That it be postponed to, and made the order of the day for Wednesday, the 17th instant.

On motion by Mr. Morehead,

Ordered, That the report accompanying the said bill be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the further conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 576) to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force,

and for other purposes, and have appointed Mr. Niven, Mr. McKay, and Mr. Vinton managers at the same on their part.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (H. R. 604) making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1848, and the amendment made as in Committee of the Whole was concurred in.

No further amendment being proposed:

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Yulee submitted the following resolutions, and asked their consideration at this time:

Resolved, That the editors of the Union, a newspaper published in the city of Washington, having, in a publication contained in a number of that paper dated the 9th of February, issued and uttered a public libel upon the character of this body, they be excluded from the privilege of admission to the floor of the Senate.

Be it further resolved, That the report of the proceedings of the Senate of the 8th day of February, in relation to the bill entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," is partial and unjust to the body; and that the reporter for that paper be excluded for the residue of the session from a place in the gallery of the Senate.

The consideration of the resolutions at this time was objected to by Mr. Sevier.

The Vice President decided that, without the unanimous consent of the Senate, the rule required the resolutions to lie one day for consideration.

From this decision Mr. Badger appealed: and,

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the subject be postponed until to-morrow.

The bill (S. 128) providing for the building and equipment of four naval steamships was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and,

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to, and made the order of the day for Friday, the 12th instant.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the report of the committee of conference made this day on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes."

Mr. Dickinson, from the committee, on the part of the Senate, at the further conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 576) "to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," reported:

"That they have met the conferees on the part of the House of Representatives; and, after full and free discussion and conference on the subject

of the disagreeing votes, have agreed to recommend, and do recommend to the respective houses, as follows:

"That the Senate recede from its amendment proposed to the first section of the bill, striking out the first section of the bill after the word 'war,' in the 15th line, and agree that said section shall stand as originally passed by the House, with an amendment striking out of the 16th and 17th lines the words 'in the recess of the Senate,' and inserting in the said 17th line, after the words 'United States,' the word 'alone;' also, after the word 'act,' in the 18th line, insert the words 'below the grade of field officers;' and also strike out the residue of said section after the word 'session,' in the 19th line."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report: and,

Resolved That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion: and,

After debate,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 11, 1847.

The Vice President presented a communication, signed James A. Houston, stating the reasons which prevented a more detailed report of the proceedings of the Senate of the 8th of February: which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Morehead presented the petition of the legal representatives of Charles Porterfield, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed bounty land and commutation pay, and the reimbursement of advances for the public service.

Ordered, That it be referred to a select committee consisting of five members, to be appointed by the Vice President: and

Mr. Morehead, Mr. Archer, Mr. Woodbridge, Mr. Calhoun, and Mr. Yulee, were appointed the committee.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying the adoption of pacific measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Upham presented a petition of citizens of Chelsea, Vermont, praying an alteration in the rates of newspaper postage: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the petition of Henry Gardner, and others, directors of the New England Mississippi Land Company, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the petition of J. V. D. Wyckoff, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Mangum submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs inquire into the neces-

sity for an increase of the rank and file of the marine corps of the United States; and also into the expediency of enabling the commandant of that corps to afford the instruction and discipline necessary for the recruits before being detached upon active and distant service.

Mr. Fairfield submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making remuneration to the officers and seamen of the United States sloop-of-war Boston, lately lost on one of the Bahama islands.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 576) "to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 576) this day reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Bright, from the Committee on Public lands, to whom was referred the petition of James E. Caro, reported a resolution:

"That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted."

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 52) for the relief of John and Charles Bruce, reported it without amendment.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the appeal from the decision of the Vice President in relation to the consideration of resolutions yesterday submitted by Mr. Yulee.

On motion, by Mr. Allen, that the appeal lie on the table:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 21 / Nays, ... 27

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Mason, Niles, Sevier, Soulé, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Yulee.

On the question, "Is the decision of the Vice President correct?"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 20 / Nays, ... 28

On motion by Mr Badger,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Mason, Sevier, Soulé, Speight, Sturgeon, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Cameron, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Yulee.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the resolutions submitted by Mr. Yulee in relation to a publication in the "Union:" and,

On motion by Mr. Yulee,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Badger,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1847.

Mr. Westcott presented a memorial of citizens of Washington county, Florida, praying that the unexpended balance of an appropriation for the improvement of the Choctawhatchie and Holmes rivers, in that State, may be applied to the further improvement of the Holmes river: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of David Whelply, and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had presented to the President of the United States the enrolled bill (H. R. 576) to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the following bills from the Senate:

S. 74. An act for the relief of Thomas Blanchard.

S. 151. An act to change the time of holding one of the terms of the circuit court of the United States for the district of North Carolina.

The President of the United States approved and signed, the 11th instant, the enrolled bill (H. R. 576) to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of Robert Owen, submitted a report: which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of petitions of citizens of Washington, presented the 9th instant, in relation to licenses, and that they be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Crittenden, from the select committee to whom was referred, the 3d February, the bill (S. 138) for the relief of General Robert Armstrong, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 147) to establish a court at Key West, in the State of Florida, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Bright, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 157) relinquishing to the city of Madison, in the State of Indiana, all the right and title of the United States to a strip of unsurveyed land lying within the limits of said city and bordering on the Ohio river: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 147) to establish a court at Key West, in the State of Florida, with the amendments reported thereto: and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The following bills were read a second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole:

S. 125. A bill to make attachments which are made under process issuing from the courts of the United States conform to the laws regulating such attachments in the courts of the United States.

S. 134. A bill to compensate John M. Moore.

No amendment being made, the bills were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were read a third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That the said bills pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolutions submitted the 10th instant by Mr. Yulee, in relation to a publication in the "Union."

On motion by Mr. Sevier, that the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 20 / Nays, ... 24

On motion by Mr. Webster,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bright, Butler, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Mason, Niles, Sevier, Soulé, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Calhoun, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

After debate,

On motion, by Mr. Mangum, that the Senate adjourn:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 28 / Nays, ... 18

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Cass, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Mason, Niles, Sevier, Soulé, Turney.

So the Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1847.

Mr. Miller presented a memorial of the grand jury of the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying the repeal or modification of the act of July 7, 1838, to restrain the circulation of small notes as a currency in the District of Columbia; and a presentment of the grand jury of the county of Washington, representing the necessity of providing more suitable accommodations for the circuit and criminal courts of the United States for the District of Columbia: which were referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Simmons presented the memorial of the heirs of Thomas Lloyd Halsey, praying indemnity for spoliations committed by the French prior to 1800.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Davis presented a memorial of ship-owners, merchants, insurance companies, and underwriters, of the cities of Boston and New York, praying the reconstruction of the light-house at Sand Key, in the harbor of Key West, Florida: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Archer presented the petition of Elizabeth Cross, widow of Joseph Kelly, a deceased naval seaman, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Ashley presented a petition of citizens of Arkansas, praying the establishment of a mail route from Van Buren to Fayetteville, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Livingston county, New York, praying that the Tonawanda band of Indians may be exempted from the operation of the treaty of 1842, between the United States and the Seneca nation: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Morehead,

Ordered, That the memorial of the heirs and assignees of Windsor Brown and others, on the files of the Senate, be referred to a select committee.

On motion by Mr. Niles,

Ordered, That William Pennoyer have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Judith Whetten, and that it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 74. An act for the relief of Thomas Blanchard.

S. 151. An act to change the time of holding one of the terms of the circuit court of the United States for the district of North Carolina.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Commerce, reported the following resolution; which was read:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to communicate to the Senate, at its next session, any information in his possession in respect to the necessity of a new custom-house in the city of Charleston; and that he be also requested to ascertain for what sum the present custom-house can be disposed of and a new site purchased, and to report a plan and estimates of the cost of constructing a new building sufficient for the commercial wants of the city.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Dix, the 4th instant, "that on and after Monday next the Senate will meet at 11 o'clock," and the resolution was agreed to.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the two enrolled bills (S. 74, 151) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolutions submitted by Mr. Yulee the 10th instant, in relation to a publication in the "Union."

The second resolution having been withdrawn,

On the question to agree to the first resolution:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 21

On motion by Mr. Breese,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Mason, Niles, Sevier, Soulé, Sturgeon, Turney.

So it was

Resolved, That the editors of the Union, a newspaper published in the city of Washington, having, in a publication contained in a number of that paper dated the 9th of February, issued and uttered a public libel upon the character of this body, they are excluded from the privilege of admission to the floor of the Senate.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

Congress, by the act of the 13th of May last, declared that, "by the act

of the republic of Mexico, a state of war exists between that government and the United States;" and "for the purpose of enabling the government of the United States to prosecute said war to a speedy and successful termination," authority was vested in the President to employ the "naval and military forces of the United States."

It has been my unalterable purpose, since the commencement of hostilities by Mexico, and the declaration of the existence of war by Congress, to prosecute the war in which the country was unavoidably involved with the utmost energy, with a view to its "speedy and successful termination" by an honorable peace.

Accordingly, all the operations of our naval and military forces have been directed with this view. While the sword has been held in one hand, and our military movements pressed forward into the enemy's country, and its coasts invested by our navy, the tender of an honorable peace has been constantly presented to Mexico in the other.

Hitherto, the overtures of peace which have been made by this government have not been accepted by Mexico. With a view to avoid a protracted war, which hesitancy and delay on our part would be so well calculated to produce, I informed you, in my annual message of the 8th December last, that the war would "continue to be prosecuted with vigor as the best means of securing peace," and recommended to your early and favorable consideration the measures proposed by the Secretary of War, in his report accompanying that message.

In my message of the 4th January last, these and other measures, deemed to be essential to the "speedy and successful termination" of the war, and the attainment of a just and honorable peace, were recommended to your early and favorable consideration.

The worst state of things which could exist in a war with such a power as Mexico would be a course of indecision and inactivity on our part. Being charged by the constitution and the laws with the conduct of the war, I have availed myself of all the means at my command to prosecute it with energy and vigor.

The act "to raise for a limited time an additional military force, and for other purposes," and which authorizes the raising of ten additional regiments to the regular army, to serve during the war, and to be disbanded at its termination, which was presented to me on the 11th instant, and approved on that day, will constitute an important part of our military force. These regiments will be raised and moved to the seat of war with the least practicable delay.

It will be perceived that this act makes no provision for the organization into brigades and divisions of the increased force which it authorizes, nor for the appointment of general officers to command it. It will be proper that authority be given by law to make such organization, and to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, such number of major generals and brigadier generals as the efficiency of the service may demand. The number of officers of these grades now in service are not more than are required for their respective commands; but further legislative action during your present session will, in my judgment, be required, and to which it is my duty respectfully to invite your attention.

Should the war, contrary to my earnest desire, be protracted to the close of the term of service of the volunteers now in Mexico, who engaged for twelve months, an additional volunteer force will probably become neces-

sary to supply their place. Many of the volunteers now serving in Mexico, it is not doubted, will cheerfully engage, at the conclusion of their present term, to serve during the war. They would constitute a more efficient force than could be speedily obtained by accepting the services of any new corps who might offer their services. They would have the advantage of the experience and discipline of a year's service, and will have become accustomed to the climate, and be in less danger than new levies of suffering from the diseases of the country. I recommend, therefore, that authority be given to accept the services of such of the volunteers now in Mexico as the state of the public service may require, and who may, at the termination of their present term, voluntarily engage to serve during the war with Mexico, and that provision be made for commissioning the officers. Should this measure receive the favorable consideration of Congress, it is recommended that a bounty be granted to them upon their voluntarily extending their term of service. This would not only be due to these gallant men, but it would be economy to the government; because, if discharged at the end of the twelve months, the government would be bound to incur a heavy expense in bringing them back to their homes, and in sending to the seat of war new corps of fresh troops to supply their place.

By the act of the thirteenth of May last, the President was authorized to accept the services of volunteers, "in companies, battalions, squadrons, and regiments," but no provision was made for filling up vacancies which might occur by death, or discharges from the service on account of sickness or other casualties. In consequence of this omission, many of the corps now in service have been much reduced in numbers. Nor was any provision made for filling vacancies of regimental or company officers who might die or resign. Information has been received at the War Department of the resignation of more than one hundred of these officers. They were appointed by the State authorities, and no information has been received, except in a few instances, that their places have been filled; and the efficiency of the service has been impaired from this cause. To remedy these defects, I recommend that authority be given to accept the services of individual volunteers, to fill up the places of such as may die, or become unfit for the service and be discharged; and that provision be also made for filling the places of regimental and company officers who may die or resign. By such provisions, the volunteer corps may be constantly kept full, or may approximate the maximum number authorized and called into service in the first instance.

While it is deemed to be our true policy to prosecute the war in the manner indicated, and thus make the enemy feel its pressure and its evils, I shall be at all times ready, with the authority conferred on me by the constitution, and with all the means which may be placed at my command by Congress, to conclude a just and honorable peace.

Of equal importance with an energetic and vigorous prosecution of the war are the means required to defray its expenses, and to uphold and maintain the public credit.

In my annual message of the 8th December last, I submitted for the consideration of Congress the propriety of imposing, as a war measure, revenue duties on some of the articles now embraced in the free list. The principal articles now exempt from duty, from which any considerable revenue could be derived, are tea and coffee. A moderate revenue duty

on these articles, it is estimated, would produce annually an amount exceeding two and a half millions of dollars. Though in a period of peace, when ample means could be derived from duties on other articles for the support of the government, it may have been deemed proper not to resort to a duty on these articles; yet, when the country is engaged in a foreign war, and all our resources are demanded to meet the unavoidable increased expenditure in maintaining our armies in the field, no sound reason is perceived why we should not avail ourselves of the revenues which may be derived from this source. The objections which have heretofore existed to the imposition of these duties were applicable to a state of peace, when they were not needed. We are now, however, engaged in a foreign war. We need money to prosecute it, and to maintain the public honor and credit. It cannot be doubted that the patriotic people of the United States would cheerfully, and without complaint, submit to the payment of this additional duty, or any other that may be necessary to maintain the honor of the country, provide for the unavoidable expenses of the government, and to uphold the public credit. It is recommended that any duties which may be imposed on these articles be limited in their duration to the period of the war.

An additional annual revenue, it is estimated, of between half a million and a million of dollars, would be derived from the graduation and reduction of the price of such of the public lands as have been long offered in the market at the minimum price established by the existing laws, and have remained unsold. And, in addition to other reasons commending the measure to favorable consideration, it is recommended as a financial measure. The duty suggested on tea and coffee, and the graduation and reduction of the price of the public lands, would secure an additional annual revenue to the treasury of not less than three millions of dollars, and would thereby prevent the necessity of incurring a public debt annually to that amount, the interest on which must be paid semi annually, and ultimately the debt itself by a tax on the people.

It is a sound policy, and one which has long been approved by the government and people of the United States, never to resort to loans unless in cases of great public emergency, and then only for the smallest amount which the public necessities will permit.

The increased revenues which the measures now recommended would produce, would, moreover, enable the government to negotiate a loan, for any additional sum which may be found to be needed, with more facility, and at cheaper rates than can be done without them.

Under the injunction of the constitution which makes it my duty "from time to time to give to Congress information of the state of the Union, and to recommend to their consideration such measures" as shall be judged "necessary and expedient," I respectfully and earnestly invite the action of Congress on the measures herein presented for their consideration. The public good, as well as a sense of my responsibility to our common constituents, in my judgment, imperiously demand that I should present them for your enlightened consideration, and invoke favorable action upon them before the close of your present session.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *February* 13, 1847.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, February 15, 1847.

Mr. Thomas Clayton presented a petition of citizens of Maryland, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Davis presented the memorial of Charles Stearns, praying indemnity for injuries sustained and reimbursement of the costs and expenses incurred in consequence of a criminal prosecution against him by the United States: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Davis presented a petition of citizens of Worcester, Massachusetts, praying the adoption of pacific measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Sturgeon presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure an appropriation for the construction of a dry dock at Philadelphia: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dayton presented a petition of citizens of New Jersey, praying such an alteration of the laws of the United States as will give equal protection to commerce, agriculture, manufactures, and the mechanic arts.

On motion, by Mr. Dayton, that it be printed,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the petition of Thomas P. Harrison and A. T. H. Duvall, praying the confirmation of their title to a tract of land in Louisiana: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Davis presented the petition of Asa Andrews, praying the payment of the money certified by a jury to be due him from the United States.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Louisiana, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure a grant of land to each citizen soldier, and to the widow or orphans of each citizen soldier, who bore arms in the defence of Louisiana in the years 1814 and 1815: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Louisiana, in favor of an appropriation for completing the marine hospital at New Orleans, and the admission into that hospital of the sick and disabled soldiers discharged from the service of the United States; and in favor an annual appropriation for the charity hospital at the city of New Orleans: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Corwin submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into

the expediency of making an appropriation to defray the expenses of furnishing to the State Department, by the clerks of the district courts, the information required under a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 29th of January, 1844.

Mr. Webster submitted the following resolutions for consideration; which were read, and ordered to be printed:

Resolved, That the war now existing with Mexico ought not to be prosecuted for the acquisition of territory, to form new States to be added to this Union.

Resolved, That it ought to be signified to the government of Mexico that the government of the United States does not desire to dismember the republic of Mexico, and is ready to treat with the government of that republic for peace, for a liberal adjustment of boundaries, and for just indemnities due by either government to the citizens of the other.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 599) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1848, and for other purposes, reported the same with amendments.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 257) for the relief of James Green, of the county of Fauquier, State of Virginia, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 441) for the relief of Wilfred Knott, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Mason, from the Committee of Claims, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 460. An act for the relief of Bernard O'Neill;

H. R. 462. An act for the relief of John Pickett, and others;

H. R. 517. An act for the relief of Harrison Whitson;

reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 247) for the relief of Job Hawkins, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Chalmers, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Savannah, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 158) making an appropriation for removing obstructions in the Savannah river.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was recommitted, the 30th instant, the bill (S. 28) to create the office of surveyor general of the public lands in the Territory of Oregon, and to grant donation rights to settlers therein, and for other purposes, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Evans, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 159) to authorize the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to purchase for the use of said institution, of the corporation of Washington, the City Hall, and for other purposes: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had this day presented

to the President of the United States the two bills (S. 74, 151) last reported to have been examined.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution reported by the Committee on Public Lands on the petition of James E. Caro: and, in concurrence therein,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution reported from the Committee on Commerce, the 13th instant, in relation to a custom-house at New Orleans; and the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (S. R. 7) authorizing the erection on the public grounds in the city of Washington of a monument to George Washington; which was read the second time and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and,

On motion by Mr. Calhoun,

Ordered, That the resolution lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 128) providing for the building and equipment of four naval steamships; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that its title be as aforesaid.

The bill (S. 139) reviving certain naval pensions for the term of five years was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the said bills.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 622) making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse between the United States and foreign nations: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following acts:

S. 151. An act to change the time of holding one of the terms of the circuit court of the United States for the district of North Carolina.

S. 74. An act for the relief of Thomas Blanchard.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion: and,

After debate, and the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1847.

Mr. Atchison presented the petition of Johnston Lykins, praying compensation for his services as physician to the Pottawatomie Indians in the year 1843: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Atchison presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of Missouri, praying the adoption of measures for enabling the owners of slaves escaping from that State into the British provinces of Canada to institute proceedings for their recovery: which was read, referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Allen presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Ohio, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the adoption of measures for excluding slavery from the Territory of Oregon, and from any other territory that now is, or hereafter may be, annexed to the United States: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cameron presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Cameron presented a petition of citizens of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, praying that a portion of the proceeds of the sales of the public lands may be applied to the construction of railroads from the Atlantic rivers to the Mississippi: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Cameron presented a memorial of citizens of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, praying the adoption of measures for preventing the importation into the United States of foreign paupers and criminals, and an alteration of the naturalization laws: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Cameron presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, in favor of an appropriation for the construction of a dry dock at Philadelphia: which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to oppose any measure for the acquisition of territory by the United States, unless on condition that slavery or involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime, be forever prohibited therein.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Mangum presented the petition of the heirs of Andrew D. Crosby, deceased, late a purser in the navy of the United States, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Corwin presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Ohio, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to effect an increase of the pay of the volunteers who have served in the war with Mexico, and to make provision for the relief of such volunteers, or their families, as are in indigent circumstances.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Corwin presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Ohio, expressive of their commendation of the bravery, skill, and good conduct of General Z. Taylor and the soldiers under his command, and

their confidence in the bravery, skill, and patriotism of Major Generals Scott and Taylor.

The resolutions were read.

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Cilley presented a petition of inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying such amendments of the constitution and laws of the United States as will abolish slavery throughout the Union.

The reception of the petition being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion for its reception lie on the table.

Mr. Cameron, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 603) to amend and continue in force the act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington, reported it with amendments: which were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Benton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the message of the President of the United States of the 13th inst., respecting the prosecution of the war with Mexico, reported a bill (S. 160) making provision for an additional number of general officers, and for other purposes: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of so much of the message of the President of the United States of the 13th instant as relates to augmented revenues for the expenditures of the war; and that the same be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Bright, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of Fernandina, reported a bill (S. 161) confirming to the corporation of Fernandina a lot of ground used as a public burial ground: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 595) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1848, with the amendments reported thereto.

An amendment reported by the committee having, on the motion of Mr. Huntington, been amended as follows:

Line 128, after the word "dollars," add: "*Provided, however, That no part thereof, except such sums as are necessary to fulfil existing contracts, shall be expended until the Secretary of the Navy shall be fully satisfied, after a careful survey and examination of the work by competent officers, that the whole cost thereof, from its commencement to its entire completion, shall not exceed the sum of one million two hundred thousand dollars, and that the same can be completed within two years and six months from the passage of this act. And the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to use such part of the last mentioned sum, not exceeding sixty thousand dollars, as he may deem expedient, at any time prior to the first day of July next: Provided, however, That no part of said sum of two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars, except such sums as are necessary to fulfil existing contracts, shall be expended until the Secretary of the Navy shall be fully satisfied, after a careful survey and examination of the work by competent officers, that the whole cost thereof, from its commencement to its entire completion, will not exceed the sum of one million three hundred thousand dollars; and that the same can be completed within three years from the first day of October next:*"

On the question to agree thereto:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 15 / Nays, ... 29

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Evans, Hannegan, Huntington, Johnson, of Louisiana, Morehead, Niles, Turney, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Badger, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Jarnagin, Mangum, Miller, Pearce, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Soulé, Sturgeon, Webster.

So the amendment was disagreed to.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment:

Section 1, page 5, line 104, strike out the following: "That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby directed to cause to be constructed at each of the navy yards at Kittery, Philadelphia, and Pensacola a floating dry dock for ships of the line, with basin and railways at Philadelphia, and reference thereto at the other places, on such plan as may be preferred by the Secretary of the Navy; the said dock at Pensacola to be completed with all possible despatch; and the sum of fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated towards said dock at Kittery, fifty thousand dollars towards said dock at Philadelphia, and two hundred and fifty thousand dollars towards said dock at Pensacola, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 7 / Nays, ... 39

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Butler, Evans, Huntington, Niles, Pearce, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Atchison, Atherton, Badger, Bagby, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Colquitt, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Soulé, Sturgeon, Turney, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge.

So the amendment was disagreed to.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the following bills of the Senate:

S. 34. An act for the relief of Thomas Brownell.

S. 49. An act to extend the time for selling the lands granted to the Kentucky Asylum for teaching the deaf and dumb.

They concur in the amendments of the Senate to the joint resolution (H. R. 55) "of thanks to Major General Zachary Taylor, the officers and

soldiers under his command, for their conduct in storming the city of Monterey," with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed the bill from the Senate (S 114) to regulate the exercise of the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States in certain cases, and for other purposes, with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed the following bills:

H. R. 306. An act concerning certain collection dictricts, and for other purposes;

H. R. 612. An act further to extend the charter of the Union Bank of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia;

H. R. 648. An act for the admission of Wisconsin into the Union;

H. R. 657. An act to give the assent of Congress to the sale of salt spring lands, heretofore granted to the States of Michigan, Illinois, and Arkansas:

in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion: and,

After debate, and the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 17, 1847.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made agreeably to law, exhibiting the contracts made under the authority of the Treasury Department during the years 1845 and 1846, payments for miscellaneous claims, and expenditures for the marine hospital fund: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a memorial of John A. Barry, a British subject, residing in Nova Scotia, praying that the jurisdiction of the circuit courts of the United States and the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States may be extended to certain "controversies" not already provided for; and submitted for the decision of the Senate, whether, as a petition of a non-resident alien, it should be received.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the subject be postponed until Friday next.

Mr. Huntington presented four petitions of citizens of New York, two petitions of citizens of Ohio, two petitions of citizens of Kentucky, two petitions of citizens of Virginia, a petition of citizens of Georgia, a petition of citizens of Indiana, a petition of citizens of Alabama, a petition of citizens of Mississippi, and a petition of citizens of Illinois, venders and consumers of quinine and mercurials, praying that the crude materials from which those articles are manufactured may be admitted into the ports of the United States free of duties: which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sturgeon presented the memorial of the legal representatives of Richard Dale, deceased, late an officer of the navy, praying payment of the proportion of prize money due for his participation in the capture of certain British vessels by the squadron under the command of John Paul

Jones during the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Breese presented a petition of citizens of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying that the bill pending before the Senate, amending and continuing in force the act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington, may pass as it came from the House of Representatives.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Breese presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Illinois, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to vote for measures for the vigorous prosecution of the war with Mexico.

The resolution was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Breese presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Illinois, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to vote for a proposition to amend the constitution so as to limit the tenure of office of the judges of the United States.

The resolution was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Dix presented two petitions of citizens of New York, praying that the Tonawanda band of Indians may be exempted from the operation of the treaty of 1842 between the United States and the Seneca nation: which were referred the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

Ordered, That the petition of J. W. Nye, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Crittenden presented a petition of citizens of Lewis county, Kentucky, praying that the name of Arthur Stevenson, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, may be placed on the pension roll: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Crittenden submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting a pension to Arthur Stevenson, of Kentucky.

Mr. Greene reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following acts:

S. 34. An act for the relief of Thomas Brownell.

S. 49. An act to extend the time for selling the lands granted to the Kentucky Asylum for teaching the deaf and dumb.

H. R. 12. Joint resolution authorizing and directing the examination and settlement of the claims of Alexander M. Cumming.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, to whom were referred the documents relating to the claim of Bancroft Woodcock, reported a bill (S. 162) to extend a patent heretofore granted to Bancroft Woodcock: which was read and passed to the second reading.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the resolution of the House of Representatives (No. 12) "authorizing and directing the examination and settlement of the claims of Alexander M. Cumming."

They concur in the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 604),

making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1848, with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 147) to establish a court at Key West, in the State of Florida, and for other purposes.

They have passed a bill (H. R. 668) to regulate the mileage of members of Congress; also a bill (H. R. 569) to create an additional land district in the Territory of Wisconsin, and for other purposes: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills and an enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the two enrolled bills and the enrolled resolution (S. 34, 49, H. R. 12) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the resolution (H. R. 55) of thanks to Major General Zachary Taylor, the officers and soldiers under his command, for their conduct in storming the city of Monterey: and,

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The bill (H. R. 648) for the admission of the State of Wisconsin into the Union was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Jndiciary.

The bill (H. R. 668) to regulate the mileage of members of Congress was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The bill (H. R. 306) concerning certain collection districts, and for other purposes, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The bill (H. R. 569) to create an additional land district in the Territory of Wisconsin, and for other purposes, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The bill (H. R. 657) to give the consent of Congress to the sale of certain salt spring lands, heretofore granted to the States of Michigan, Illinois, and Arkansas, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The bill (H. R. 612) further to extend the charter of the Union Bank of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

The bill (H. R. 622) making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse between the United States and foreign countries was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 596) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1848.

On motion, by Mr. Fairfield, to amend the bill by adding thereto the ›wing:

"SEC. —. *And be it further enacted, That in every case of the loss or capture of a vessel belonging to the navy of the United States, the accounting officers of the treasury, under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, shall be, and they are hereby authorized, in the settlement of the accounts of the purser of such vessel, to credit him with such portion of the amount of the provisions, clothing, small stores, and money with which he stands charged on the books of the Fourth Additor of the Treasury as they shall be satisfied was inevitably lost by such capture or loss of a public vessel; and such purser shall be fully exonerated by such credit from all liability on account of the provisions, clothing, small stores, and money so proved to have been captured or lost:*"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 13

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Bagby, Berrien, Breese, Butler, Calhoun, Thomas Clayton, Colquitt, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Huntington, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Niles, Pearce, Simmons, Turney, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Atchison, Atherton, Badger, Bright, Cameron, Chalmers, Cilley, Dayton, Dickinson, Jarnagin, Rusk, Sturgeon, Westcott.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The bill being further amended,

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 604) making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1848: and,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 114) to regulate the exercise of the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States in certain cases, and for other purposes: and,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 24) authorizing persons to whom reservations of land have been made under Indian treaties to alienate the same in fee.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills:

H. R. 528. An act for the relief of Patrick Kelley;

H. R. 206. An act for the relief of Joshua Shaw;

and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were read a third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill (S. 100) for the relief of Captain Jesse D. Elliott was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was determined in the negative.

The bill (S. 62) supplementary to an act to authorize the Secretary of State to liquidate certain claims therein mentioned, passed 18th April, 1814, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that its title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill (S. 76) for the relief of Thomas S. Brownell was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, and the title was amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of Thomas Brownell."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (S. 81) for the relief of William E. Davis, and Mary Ann, his wife, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, by unanimous consent, and the title was amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of William Davis, and Mary, his wife."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills:

S. 64. A bill to compromise the claim of the heirs or legal representatives of John Smith T., under a Spanish grant;

S. 30. A bill for the relief of the heirs of John Paul Jones;

and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that their titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 75) for the relief of Jeanette C. Huntington, widow and sole executrix of William D. Cheever, deceased; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (S. 69) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury, with the approbation of the Attorney General, to purchase for the United States the interest of Balie Peyton in the tract of land upon which the light-house stands at the southwest pass of the Mississippi river, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The following bills were read a second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole:

S. 78. A bill for the relief of Susan E. Gordon;

S. 82. A bill for the relief of Hobson Johns;

S. 83. A bill for the relief of Samuel W. Bell, a native of the Cherokee nation;

S. 86. A bill providing for the payment of the claim of Walter R. Johnson against the United States;

S. 88. A bill for the relief of Milledge Galphin, executor of the last will and testament of George Galphin, deceased;

S. 89. A bill to authorize the payment of a sum of money to Robert Purkis;

S. 93. A bill for the relief of Charles M. Gibson;

S. 96. A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Pistole, widow of Charles Pistole, deceased;

S. 97. A bill for the relief of Richard Bloss and others;

S. 98. A bill for the relief of Thomas H. Noble;

S. 102. A bill for the relief of James Mc McIntosh;

S. 103. A bill for the relief of George Roush;

S. 40. A bill for the relief of Fernando Fellany;

S. 106. A bill to authorize the settlement of the accounts of Joseph Nourse, deceased;

S. 107. A bill for the relief of Joseph F. Caldwell;

S. 109. A bill for the relief of Peter Engels, junior;

and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That they pass, and that their titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion: and,

After debate,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1847.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of War, supplemental to his report of the 25th ultimo, on the subject of the removal of the Seminole Indians from Florida: which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Davis presented a petition of masters of vessels and others, citizens of Boston, Massachusetts, praying the erection of a light at the harbor of Hyannis, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Davis presented a petition of citizens of Barnstable, Massachusetts, praying the erection of a light at the harbor of Hyannis, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Monroe county, New York, praying that the Tonawanda band of Indians may be exempted from the operation of the treaty of 1842 between the United States and the Seneca nation: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Chalmers submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to procure for the use of the Senate two thousand copies of the authentic copy of the constitution, with an analytical index, and compilation of other public documents, recently printed and placed in the hands of the members, provided the price shall not exceed the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per copy.

Mr. Cameron submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That ten thousand additional copies of the authentic copy of the constitution, with an analytical index, &c., be procured for the use of the Senate, provided they will be furnished at a deduction of twenty per cent. on the price above stated.

Mr. Chalmers submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to furnish each member of the present Senate, who has not already received them, such books as were furnished to the members of the House of Representatives of the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh Congresses, including the fourteenth volume of Register of Debates, the Congressional Globe and Appendix published by Blair and Rives, and Elliott's and Madison's Debates, and Little and Brown's edition of the United States statutes at large.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 152) supplemental to an act passed the 9th day of July, in the year 1846, entitled "An act to retrocede the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, to the State of Virginia," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Yulee, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 144) confirming the claim of the heirs and legal repre-

sentatives of Pierre Dufresne to a tract of land, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Turney, from the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, reported a bill (S. 163) to provide for additional examining clerks in the Patent Office, and for additional fees in certain cases: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, to whom was referred the petition of Oliver C. Harris, reported a bill (S. 164) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, to whom was referred the memorial of the executor of Uri Emmons, reported a bill (S. 165) for the relief of the legal representatives of the late Uri Emmons, deceased: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Westcott presented the views of the minority of the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office on the application of Ross Winans for a renewal of a patent.

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

Ordered, That the document be printed.

Mr. Yulee, by unanimous consent, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 166) in addition to an act to establish a court at Key West, in the State of Florida: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The said bill was read the second time, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act in addition to an act to establish a court at Key West, in the State of Florida."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 637) to regulate the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels, reported the same with amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole, together with the amendments reported thereto; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, to whom was referred the petition of Calvin Emmons, reported a bill (S. 167) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 25) for the settlement of the claim of John R. Williams, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Rusk, from the Committee of Claims, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 359. An act for the relief of John Speakman;

H. R. 495. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Lauson;
reported the same without amendment.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles:

H. R. 568. An act establishing the territorial government of Minasota;

H. R. 654. An act for the relief of the citizens of Beetown, in the Territory of Wisconsin;
in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following acts:

S. 49. An act to extend the time of selling the lands granted to the Kentucky Asylum for teaching the deaf and dumb.

S. 34. An act for the relief of Thomas Brownell.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill (H. R. 568) establishing the territorial government of Minasota was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The bill (H. R. 654) for the relief of the citizens of Beetown, in the Territory of Wisconsin, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The resolution (S. 12) for the relief of Caleb Green was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said resolution was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

On motion by Mr. Atchison, that the vote on passing the resolution last mentioned (S. 12) be reconsidered:

Ordered, That the further consideration of the motion be postponed until to-morrow.

The bill (S. 101) for the relief of Thomas Talbot and others was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 138) for the relief of General Robert Armstrong: and,

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills and joint resolution:

S. 36. A bill for the relief of John Stockton, late a lieutenant in the army of the United States;

S. 59. A bill for the relief of Ray Tompkins and others, the children and heirs-at-law of the late Daniel D. Tompkins;

S. 25. A bill for the settlement of the claim of John R. Williams;

S. 144. A bill confirming the claim of the heirs and legal representatives of Pierre Dufresne to a tract of land;

S. R. 5. Joint resolution concerning the purchase of additional lands for the use of the United States armory at Harper's Ferry;

and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bills and resolution were read a third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the resolution (S. 3) explanatory of an act for the relief of Mary Ann Linton, with the amendment reported thereto; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said resolution was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "A joint resolution to correct an error in the act of June 17, 1844, for the relief of Mary Ann Linton."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this resolution.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the resolution (H. R. 52) for the relief of John and Charles Bruce; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill (S. 131) for the relief of Rodolphine Claxton, widow of Alexander Claxton, late a commander in the navy, was read a second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The following bills were read a second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole:

S. 111. A bill for the relief of William Marvin, in confirming the title to a tract of land in Florida granted by the Spanish government to Bernardo Segui on the 20th of December, 1815;

S. 112. A bill to authorize the issuing of a new register for the American barque Pons, of Philadelphia, by the name of the Cordelia;

S. 115. A bill for the relief of the heirs and representatives of the late Robert Sewall;

S. 116. A bill for the relief of Wade Allen;

S. 119. A bill to provide for the final settlement of the accounts of Thomas C. Sheldon, late receiver of public moneys at Kalamazoo, Michigan;

S. 121. A bill directing the Secretary of the Navy to purchase from Dr. James P. Espy his patent right for the conical ventilator, for the use of the United States;

S. 122. A bill granting a pension to Bethia Healy, widow of George Healy, deceased;

S. 123. A bill for the relief of Andrew Moore;
S. 124. A bill for the relief of the heirs of Louis de la Houssaye, deceased;
S. 129. A bill for the relief of Alfred White;
S. 133. A bill for the relief Robert M. Harrison;
S. 135. A bill for the relief of Creed Taylor;
S. 136. A bill for the relief of the heirs of Jethro Wood;
S. 140. A bill to authorize the issuing of a register to the brigantine Ocean Queen;
S. 141. A bill for the relief of John Bronson;
S. 142. A bill for the relief of Pearson Cogswell;
S. 145. A bill for the relief of Joseph Watson;
S. 146. A bill granting a pension to Abigail Garland, widow of Jacob Garland, deceased;
S. 149. A bill for the relief of James C. Conway;
S. 150. A bill for the relief of James F. Sothoron;
S. 153. A bill for the relief of the heirs of Andrew D. Crosby;
S. 154. A bill for the relief of William A. Christian;
S. 155. A bill to grant a right of pre-emption to Philip F. Dering and Robert H. Champion to a tract of land;
S. 11. A joint resolution for the benefit of John Devlin;
and no amendment being made thereto, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bills and resolution were read a third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 596) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1848; and having been amended,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion: and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1847.

Mr. Cilley presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of New Hampshire, in favor of the adoption of measures for the extinction of slavery in the District of Columbia; its exclusion from the Territory of Oregon, and all other terrritories which now belong, or may hereafter belong, to the United States; for the suppression of the domestic slave trade; and against the admission of any new State into the Union whose constitution tolerates domestic slavery: which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Cilley presented a preamble and resolution passed by the legisla-

ture of the State of New Hampshire, declaring their determination to use every effort, consistent with the constitution of the United States, for the extermination of slavery: which were read.

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Cilley presented a petition of citizens of Brookline, and a petition of citizens of Keene, in the State of New Hampshire, praying the adoption of pacific measures for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico: which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Miller presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of New Jersey, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their efforts to cause a provision to be made for the exclusion of slavery, except as a punishment for crime, in any new territory which the United States may acquire.

The resolution was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

Ordered, That leave be granted to withdraw the affidavits of Langton Coffee and William Vaught, filed with the petition of Isaac Wellborn at the second session of the twenty-sixth Congress.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the heirs of Andrew D. Crosby, deceased; and that it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Cameron presented two petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying such an alteration of the constitution and laws of the United States as will abolish slavery throughout the Union.

The reception of the petitions being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion for their reception lie on the table.

Mr. Calhoun submitted the following resolutions for consideration; which were read, and ordered to be printed:

Resolved, That the territories of the United States belong to the several States composing this Union, and are held by them as their joint and common property.

Resolved, That Congress, as the joint agent and representative of the States of this Union, has no right to make any law or do any act whatever that shall, directly or by its effects, make any discrimination between the States of this Union by which any of them shall be deprived of its full and equal right in any territory of the United States acquired or to be acquired.

Resolved, That the enactment of any law which should, directly or by its effects, deprive the citizens of any of the States of this Union from emigrating with their property into any of the territories of the United States, will make such discrimination, and would, therefore, be a violation of the constitution and the rights of the States from which such citizens emigrated, and in derogation of that perfect equality which belongs to them as members of this Union, and would tend directly to subvert the Union itself.

Resolved, That, as a fundamental principle in our political creed, a people in forming a constitution have the unconditional right to form and adopt the government which they may think best calculated to secure their liberty, prosperity, and happiness; and that, in conformity thereto, no other condition is imposed by the federal constitution on a State in order to be

admitted into this Union, except that its constitution shall be republican, and that the imposition of any other by Congress would not only be in violation of the constitution, but in direct conflict with the principle on which our political system rests.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of Lavinia Taylor, widow of Isaac Taylor, a soldier of the United States, killed in battle, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That Amos Holton have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of Ichabod Jordon, submitted a report, together with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to Congress, at its next session, whether the laws which regulate the compensation of collectors of the customs require any modification; and if so, in what particulars; and that the said Secretary report his reasons for any proposed modification.

The resolution was read, considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Deidericks, submitted an adverse report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of David Van and William P. Ross, submitted a report, accompanied by the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, by the treaty of the 6th of August, 1846, between the United States and the Cherokee Indians, certain questions were agreed to be submitted to the decision of the Senate:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Senate, whatever balance of the fund of five millions of dollars stipulated to be paid to the Cherokee nation by the treaty of the 29th December, 1835, and the subsequent additions thereto, may now be ascertained to be due to the said Cherokee nation, shall bear an interest at the rate of five per centum per annum from the time found due until the same be paid by the United States.

Resolved, That the charge for one year's subsistence of the Cherokees after their arrival in the west is not a proper charge upon the fund of five millions aforesaid, but should have been paid independently of that fund, by the United States.

Resolved, That the expense of removing the Cherokees to the west should, in like manner, have been borne by the United States, and not charged to the fund of five millions of dollars aforesaid.

Resolved, That the United States will pay to the Cherokee nation the sum of ten thousand dollars for lands guarantied to the Cherokee nation by the treaty of Tellico, signed 25th October, 1805, and of which the said Cherokee nation was deprived by the authority of the State of Tennessee; and the further sum of thirty-five thousand five hundred and sixty-eight dollars for the balance remaining unsold, by the United States, of a reservation of twelve miles square in Alabama, secured to the Cherokee nation by the treaty of 27th February, 1819, being at the rate of sixty-two and a half cents per acre.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Rusk, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Ann B. Cox, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 168) for her relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Rusk, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Elisha L. Keen, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 169) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of the county of Frederick, and the adjoining counties, in Virginia, praying a district court, with circuit jurisdiction, at Winchester, reported "that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted."

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 39) in relation to district courts of the United States for the district of New York, reported it without amendment, and that the bill ought not to pass.

Mr. Bagby, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom were referred the memorials and petitions praying that the Tonawanda band of the Seneca tribe of Indians may be exempted from the operation of the treaty of the 20th May, 1842, submitted a report, accompanied by a resolution:

"That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted."

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Bright, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 175) for the relief of Joseph Warren Newcombe, reported it without amendment.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Bright asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 170) to authorize a term of the circuit and district courts of the district of Illinois to be held at Chicago, Illinois: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

The vote of yesterday on passing the bill (S. 136) for the relief of the heirs of Jethro Wood was reconsidered.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said bill; and having been amended, by unanimous consent:

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following acts:

H. R. 206. An act for the relief of Joshua Shaw.

H. R. 528. An act granting a pension to Patrick Kelly.

H. R. 604. An act making appropriations for the revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1848.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution (H. R. 58) granting certain unserviceable brass cannon to the Jackson monument committee: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the United States approved and signed, the 18th instant, the joint resolution (H R. 12) "authorizing and directing the examination and settlement of the claims of Alexander M. Cumming."

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed three enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The resolution (H. R. 58) granting certain unserviceable brass cannon to the Jackson monument committee was read, and passed to the second reading.

The Vice President signed the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, (H. R. 206, 528, 604,) and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 596) making appropriation for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1848; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 193) for the relief of Ray Tompkins and others, the children and heirs-at-law of the late Daniel D. Tompkins: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The said bill from the House of Representatives was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had presented to the President of the United States the three enrolled bills (H. R. 206, 528, 604) this day reported to have been examined.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion: and,

After debate, and the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 20, 1847.

The Vice President presented the memorial of Robert Owen, praying that a select committee may be appointed to investigate and report upon a plan by which he proposes to relieve or remove the evils arising from errors in forms of government and conditions of society: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Pearce presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Maryland, requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their efforts to procure an appropriation for a light-house at

Drum Point, in the Chesapeake bay: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying that no proposition appropriating public land for the construction of a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean may receive the sanction of Congress: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying a change in the present system of disposing of the public lands: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Soulé presented the memorial of John Hagan, E. Lackett, and Shermon Johnson, praying compensation for a number of slaves compelled, by mutiny on board the Creole, to enter the port of Nassau, in the island of New Providence, and liberated by the authorities of that place: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Sturgeon,

Ordered, That Thomas Hall have leave to withdraw his petition.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That Mary Ripley have leave to withdraw her petition.

On motion by Mr. Rusk,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Ezekiel Potter, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

On motion, by Mr. Bagby, that the documents accompanying the report of the Committee on Indian Affairs on the petition of the Tonawanda band of Seneca Indians be printed,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Cameron presented six petitions of inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying such an alteration of the constitution and laws of the United States as will abolish slavery in the United States.

The reception of the petitions being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion for their reception lie on the table.

Mr. Cameron presented the petition of Rachel Maule, heir and representative of Eli Shoemaker, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Cameron presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying an amendment of the naturalization laws of the United States.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Rusk, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William H. Prentiss, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 171) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, reported a bill (S. 172) making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending 30th June, 1848: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 148) to amend the act entitled "An act extending the jurisdiction of the district courts to certain cases upon the lakes, and navigable waters connecting the same," approved the 26th of February, 1845, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 170) to authorize a term of the circuit and district courts for the district of Illinois to be held at Chicago, Illinois, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Mason, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of James Pennoyer, reported a bill (S. 173) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of Edmund J. Forstall, in behalf of Hope and Company, and others, of Amsterdam, submitted a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the memorial of E. J. Forstall, for Hope and Company, of Amsterdam, with the documents accompanying the same, and a copy of the report made thereon, be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Attorney General and Secretary of the Treasury, and that those officers be directed to examine into said case fully, and collect such authentic information as they can obtain in relation thereto, and make report on the same to the Senate on the first day of the next session of Congress.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Rusk, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Hola-to-Emathla, and other Seminole warriors, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 174) for their relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Bright, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 157) relinquishing to the city of Madison, in the State of Indiana, all the right and title of the United States to a certain strip of unsurveyed land lying within the limits of said city, and bordering on the Ohio river, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of David N. Smith, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 175) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The amendments to the bill (H. R. 596) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1848, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The bill (S. 137) to exempt certain articles imported by literary institutions from the payment of duty was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Greene reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following acts:

S. 114. An act to regulate the exercise of the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States in certain cases, and for other purposes.

H. R. 193. An act for the relief of Ray Tompkins, and others, the children and heirs-at-law of the late Daniel D. Tompkins.

H. R. 637. An act to regulate the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels.

H. R. 52. Joint resolution for the relief of John and Charles Bruce.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the following bills and joint resolution: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 177. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Simon Spaulding, deceased.

H. R. 189. An act to grant a pre-emption right to the heirs or legal representatives of John Smith T.

H. R. 191. An act for the relief of the Bank of the Metropolis.

H. R. 200. An act for the relief of the heirs of John Paul Jones.

H. R. 412. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Converse, widow of Josiah Converse.

H. R. 417. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of the late Joseph E. Primeau and Thomas J. Chapman.

H. R. 419. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of James H. Clark.

H. R. 423. An act for the relief of the widow and heirs of the late Silas Duncan, deceased.

H. R. 476. An act for the relief of Joseph Gideon.

H. R. 477. An act for the relief of David Myerle.

H. R. 479. An act for the relief of Captain James Pennoyer.

H. R. 502. An act for the relief of Lewis C. Sartori.

H. R. 43. Joint resolution for the relief of M. A. Price and E. A. White.

The House of Representatives have passed the following bills of the Senate:

S. 112. An act to authorize the issuing of a new register for the American barque Pons, of Philadelphia, by the name of the Cordelia.

S. 166. An act in addition to an act to establish a court at Key West, in the State of Florida.

They have postponed indefinitely the bill from the Senate (S. 59) for the relief of Ray Tompkins and others, the children and heirs-at-law of the late Daniel D. Tompkins.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed three enrolled bills and one enrolled resolution, I am requested to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The bills and resolution this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 191 be referred to the Committee on Finance; that the bills numbered 177 and 412 be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims; that the bill numbered 185 be referred to the Committee of Claims; that the bill numbered 417 be referred to the Com-

mittee on Indian Affairs; that the bills numbered 200, 419, 423, 476, 477, 502, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs; and that the resolution (H. R. 43) for the relief of M. A. Price be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The resolution (H. R. 58) granting certain unserviceable brass cannon to the Jackson monument committee was read the second time.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

The bill (S. 160) making provision for an additional number of general officers, and for other purposes, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and having been amended,

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 152) supplemental to an act passed the 9th day of July, in the year 1846, entitled "An act to retrocede the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, to the State of Virginia;" and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Chalmers, the 18th instant, in relation to furnishing the members of the Senate with certain books; and the resolution was agreed to.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I communicate herewith a report of the Secretary of State, with the accompanying documents, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of the 2d instant, requesting the President to communicate such information in possession of the Executive departments in relation to the importation of foreign criminals and paupers as he may deem consistent with the public interests to communicate.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *February* 20, 1847.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Soulé,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1847.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a letter from the honorable George Evans, resigning his appointment as one of the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: which was read.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That a member be appointed to fill the vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; and that the appointment be made by the Vice President.

Whereupon, Mr. Pearce was appointed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a memorial of John P. Heiss, one of the printers to the Senate, stating that he is one of the publishers and proprietors, and not the editor, of the Union, a newspaper published in the city of Washington; and inquiring whether he is included within the terms of a resolution passed by the Senate the 13th instant, in relation to the "editors" of the Union.

The memorial was read.

Mr. Webster presented a memorial of citizens of Boston, Massachusetts, praying the adoption of pacific measures for terminating the war with Mexico.

Ordered, That the memorial lie on the table.

Mr. Breese presented a preamble and resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Illinois, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure the adjustment and payment by the United States of the claims for advances to the troops in the Illinois campaign under the command of General George Rogers Clarke, in 1778 and 1779: which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Breese presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of Illinois, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives of that State in Congress to use their exertions to procure a grant of land to aid in the completion of the Northern Cross and Central railroad in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of New York, praying the establishment of a bureau of hydrography and longitude: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Cilley presented a petition of citizens of Newport, New Hampshire, praying the adoption of pacific measures for terminating the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Mason presented a preamble and resolutions passed by the General Assembly of the State of Virginia, in favor of the adoption of vigorous measures for the prosecution of the war with Mexico, and tendering the thanks of the General Assembly to the President of the United States for the justice, firmness, and eminent ability with which he has conducted the war with Mexico.

The preamble and resolutions were read.

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Mason presented a memorial of a committee of the Faculty of the University of Virginia, praying the establishment of a bureau of hydrography and longitude: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Martin Renehan, and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the report of the Acting Commissioner of the General Land Office

of January 1, 1847, in relation to damages sustained by the purchasers of certain of the public lands by reason of erroneous or false and fraudulent surveys, submitted a report: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Rusk, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 185) for the relief of the legal representatives of William Bunce, deceased, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom were referred the memorial of George Petty, the petition of Nehemiah Brush, and the petition of Isaac Davenport, submitted an adverse report in each case.

Ordered, That the reports be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 440. An act for the relief of William Causey;

H. R. 512. An act for the relief of John Van Slyck;

reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 648) for the admission of the State of Wisconsin into the Union, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, by unanimous consent, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 176) to authorize the relinquishment of the 16th section in certain cases, and the selection of other lands in lieu thereof, in the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, the 20th instant, the following acts:

H. R. 604. An act making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1848.

H. R. 206. An act for the relief of Joshua Shaw.

H. R. 528. An act granting a pension to Patrick Kelly.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed three enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 10) to establish a land office in the northern part of Michigan, and to provide for the sale of mineral lands in the State of Michigan and Territory of Wisconsin, with amendments: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed bills of the following titles:

H. R. 84 An act to provide for continuing a certain public work in the Territory of Wisconsin, and for other purposes;

H. R. 296. An act to repeal the 20th and part of the 31st section of the act to change the organization of the Post Office Department, and to provide more effectually for the settlement of the accounts thereof, approved July 2, 1836;

H. R. 369. An act creating a collection district in Maine, and constituting in said district a port of entry and delivery;

H. R. 387. An act extending the privileges granted by the 7th section

of the act of March 3, 1843, to the town of Whitehall, in the State of New York;

in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 160) making provision for an additional number of general officers, and for other purposes.

On motion, by Mr. Atchison, to amend the bill by striking out, section 5, line 5, the following: "And that the President be, and he is hereby, further authorized to fill by regular promotion, or cause elections to be held to fill vacancies of regimental or company officers, occasioned by death or resignation, or other cause, in the several volunteer regiments or corps now in the service of the United States in Mexico, or which may be received during the existing war with Mexico, and to commission the officers for the same:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 17

On motion by Mr. Morehead,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Badger, Berrien, Breese, Calhoun, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Rusk, Simmons, Webster.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Bagby, Benton, Bright, Butler, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Mason, Niles, Sevier, Soulé, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott.

So the proposed amendment was agreed to.

The bill having been further amended, was reported to the Senate, and the amendments made in Committee of the Whole were in part agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the bill lie on the table.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 112. An act to authorize the issuing of a new register for the American barque Pons, of Philadelphia, by the name of the Cordelia.

S. 147. An act to establish a court at Key West, in the State of Florida, and for other purposes.

S. 166. An act in addition to an act to establish a court at Key West, in the State of Florida.

The Vice President signed the three enrolled bills (S. 112, 147, 166) this day reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, the 22d instant, the enrolled bill (S. 114) to regulate the exercise of the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States in certain cases, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration

of the bill (S. 105) making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion: and,

After debate, and the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1847.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Navy, accompanied by seventy-five copies of the Navy Register for the year 1847: which was read.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 112. An act to authorize the issuing of a new register for the American barque Pons, of Philadelphia, by the name of the Cordelia.

S. 147. An act to establish a court at Key West, in the State of Florida, and for other purposes.

S. 166. An act in addition to an act to establish a court at Key West, in the State of Florida.

Mr. Rusk presented the petition of Bryan Callaghan, praying compensation for goods destroyed at San Antonio, in Texas, in September, 1846, by order of an officer of the United States army, to prevent their falling into the hands of the enemy: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Berrien presented the memorial of Moses E. Levy, praying permission to locate on the public land in Florida the quantity claimed by him under a Spanish grant, or that he may be allowed to surrender the same to the United States for an equivalent sum.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Mason presented the memorial of the heirs of John Jacob Korn, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Corwin presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Ohio, in favor of an act providing for the payment of the claims of American citizens for spoliations committed by France prior to 1800.

The resolutions were read.

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Dix presented two petitions of citizens of Cayuga county, New York, praying the adoption of pacific measures for terminating the war with Mexico.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Monroe county, New York, praying that the Tonawanda band of Indians may be exempted from the operation of the Seneca treaty of 1842.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Evans submitted proposals from John Skirving, stating the terms on which he will construct flues for ventilating the Senate chamber: which were referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. Ashley submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agree to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Smithville, in Lawrence county, to Richwood, in Izard county, in the

tate of Arkansas, via Thompson's Mills, Mount Vista, and Criswell's erry across the White river.

Mr. Davis, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a ill (S. 177) to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate the carriage of assengers in merchant vessels," and to determine the time when said act hall take effect: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 466) for the relief of the administrators of Joseph Edson, deceased, late marshal for the district of Vermont, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 575) for the reduction of the costs and expenses of proceedings in admiralty against ships and vessels, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 476. An act for the relief of Joseph Gideon;

H. R. 502. An act for the relief of Lewis C. Sartori;

reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 423) for the relief of Silas Duncan, reported it without amendment, and that the bill ought not to pass.

Mr. Corwin, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 13) to refund money to the States which have supplied volunteers and furnished them transportation during the present war, before being mustered and received into the service of the United States: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Archer, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 178) to provide for the purchase of the manuscript papers of the late James Madison, former President of the United States: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The said bill was read the second time, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 10) to establish a land office in the northern part of Michigan, and to provide for the sale of mineral lands in the State of Michigan and Territory of Wisconsin: and,

On motion,

Ordered, That the bill be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The bills yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills numbered 84, 369, 387, be referred to the Committee on Commerce, and that the bill numbered 296 be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 160) making provision for an additional number of general officers, and for other purposes, with an amendment made as in Committee of the Whole; and the amendment having been disagreed to, the bill was amended,

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the question submitted by the Vice President to the Senate, the 17th instant, in relation to the memorial of John A. Barry, a non-resident alien: and,

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the subject lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 94) to provide for transporting the mail of the United States to Oregon; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was agreed to.

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following acts:

S. 147. An act to establish a court at Key West, in the State of Florida, and for other purposes.

S. 166. An act in addition to an act to establish a court at Key West, in the State of Florida.

S. 112. An act to authorize the issuing of a new register for the American barque Pons, of Philadelphia, by the name of the Cordelia.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion: and,

After debate, and the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1847.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of tradesmen of the city of New York, praying that no restriction may be imposed on the right of volunteers to make assignments of their pay to secure the repayment of advances which may have been made to them: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Davis presented a petition of citizens of Truro, Massachusetts, praying that an appropriation may be made for a light-house and buoys at the entrance of Parmet harbor, in that State: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Cameron presented the petition of William W. Chew, praying compensation for his services, in 1839, as chargé d'affaires of the United States at the court of St. Petersburg: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of George C. De Kay, a citizen of the State of New Jersey, praying that the United States ship Macedonian may be fitted up for transporting supplies to the people of Ireland, and offering his services to the United States for that object: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of George S. Isham and others, citizens of the United States, praying that the public vessels of the United States which are not employed in active service may be assigned to the transportation of provisions to the people of Ireland.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, presented the memorial of Phebe Wood and Sylvia Ann Wood, daughters and heirs of Jethro Wood, deceased, remonstrating against certain provisions of the bill (S. 132) for the relief of the heirs of Jethro Wood: which was referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

Mr. Jarnagin presented the memorial of Preston Starritt, in behalf of certain Cherokee claimants, praying the passage of a law to settle the principles on which their claims may be adjudicated: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 84) to provide for a certain public work in the Territory of Wisconsin, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 29) to provide for the survey of the mouth of Red river, in the State of Louisiana, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Miller, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Monmouth B. Hart, Joel Kelly, and William Close, sureties of the late Benjamin F. Hart, a purser in the United States navy, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 179) for their relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Edward Bolon, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 180) for his relief.

The bill was read and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Rusk, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Bryan Callaghan, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 181) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 182) to regulate appeals from the trial of issues in the District of Columbia: which was read, passed to the second reading, and ordered to be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 177) to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels," and to determine the time when said act shall take effect, with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of representatives have passed bills and a joint resolution, originating in the Senate, of the following titles:

S. 12. An act granting a pension to Joseph Morrison.

S. 36. An act for the relief of John Stockton, late a lieutenant in the army of the United States.

S. 56. An act for the relief of George Gordon.

S. 68. An act for the relief of Peter Frost.

S. 103. An act for the relief of George Roush.

S. 123. An act for the relief of Andrew Moore.

S. 140. An act to authorize the issuing of a register to the brigantine Ocean Queen.

S. 149. An act for the relief of James S. Conway.

S. 155. An act to grant a right of pre-emption to Philip F. Dering and Robert H. Champion to a tract of mineral land.

S. 3. A resolution to correct an error in the act of June 17, 1844, for the relief of Mary Ann Linton.

They have passed bills and a resolution of the following titles, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 597. An act making appropriations for the support of the army and volunteers for the year ending 30th June, 1848, and for other purposes.

H. R. 644. An act authorizing a term of the United States circuit and district courts at Chicago, Illinois.

H. R. 674. An act concerning the licensing of yachts, and for other purposes.

H. R. 676. An act to establish a port of entry at Saluria, in the State of Texas, and for other purposes.

H. R. 234. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the payment of horses or other property lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States," approved the 18th day of May, 1837.

H. R. 679. An act to amend the act entitled "An act to regulate the proceedings in the circuit courts of the United States, and for other purposes," passed the 8th August, 1846.

H. R. 684. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act to carry into effect, in the States of Alabama and Mississippi, the existing compacts with those States, with regard to the five per cent. fund and the school reservations."

H. R. 691. An act to amend the act entitled "An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and prevent the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the revenues of the Post Office Department," passed 2d March, 1845.

H. R. 59. Joint resolution authorizing the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a revolutionary bounty land warrant in place of warrant number 1828, lost or destroyed.

The bill (H. R. 379) entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the army and volunteers for the year ending the 30th June, 1848, and for other purposes," was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 599) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1848,

and for other purposes, with the amendments reported thereto: and having been amended,

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion: and,

After debate, and the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 25, 1847.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following acts:

S. 12. An act granting a pension to Joseph Morrison.

S. 36. An act for the relief of John Stockton, late a lieutenant in the army of the United States.

S. 56. An act for the relief of George Gordon.

S. 68. An act for the relief of Peter Frost.

S. 103. An act for the relief of George Roush.

S. 123. An act for the relief of Andrew Moore.

S. 140. An act to authorize the issuing of a register to the brigantine Ocean Queen.

S. 149. An act for the relief of James S. Conway.

S. 155. An act to grant a right of pre-emption to Philip F. Dering and Robert H. Champion to a tract of mineral land.

S. 3. A resolution to correct an error in the act of June 17, 1844, for the relief of Mary Ann Linton.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 638) to establish certain post routes: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed nine enrolled bills, and one enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The President of the United States approved and signed, the 22d of February, the following bills and joint resolution:

H. R. 193. An act for the relief of Ray Tompkins and others, children and heirs-at-law of the late Daniel D. Tompkins.

H. R. 637. An act to regulate the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels.

H. R. 52. A resolution for the relief of John and Charles Bruce.

Mr. Hannegan presented the petition of Seth M. Leavenworth, praying that an act may pass requiring the Postmaster General to execute a joint resolution which passed at the last session of Congress for his relief: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, presented the petition of James Crutchett, praying an examination into the propriety of purchasing the right to use the solar gas, of which he is the inventor, for the purpose of lighting the

public buildings and grounds in the city of Washington: which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. Breese presented a petition of citizens of the county of Peoria, Illinois, praying that a portion of public land may be set apart for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Fairfield presented the petition of the children and heirs-at-law of Nathaniel Leavitt, deceased, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed commutation pay: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Bright presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Indiana, in favor of a grant of land to the county commissioners of Gibson county, in that State, for the purpose of draining said land, and constructing roads through the same; in favor of reducing the price of the public lands in the Miami reservation, in that State; in favor of an increase of the pay and a grant of bounty land to the volunteers in the service of the United States in the war with Mexico; in favor of the enactment of a law prohibiting the sale of spirituous liquors to the Indians; in favor of an appropriation of public land to aid in the construction of a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean; in favor of the passage of a law requiring a session of the Supreme Court of the United States to be held at some eligible point west of the Alleghany mountains; in favor of the establishment of a daily mail from Louisville, Kentucky, to New Orleans, Louisiana, and a daily mail from Evansville to Toledo, in Ohio; in favor of the passage of an act for the payment of the claim of the representatives of Francis Vigo, deceased, for advances to the troops under General George Rogers Clarke, in the Illinois campaign; in favor of a grant of land for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a road through Brown county, in that State; in favor of the enactment of a law confirming the selection of certain lands made by that State in 1843 to aid in the completion of the Wabash and Erie canal; in favor of a grant to aid in the construction of the Buffalo and Mississippi railroad; in favor of a law authorizing the transmission of letters and newspapers to and from the volunteers in the service of the United States in Mexico free of postage; in favor of a reduction of the price of the public lands in favor of actual settlers; and in favor of a grant of public lands to the Indiana hospital for the insane, the institution for the education of the blind, and the Asylum for the deaf and dumb.

The said resolutions were read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Breese presented a petition of members of the legislature of the State of Illinois, praying the establishment of a mail route from Springfield to Cairo, in that State, and a mail route from St. Louis, Missouri, to Fort Massac, on the Ohio river; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Hannegan submitted the following resolution for consideration; which was ordered to be printed:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to contract with Dr. James A. Houston to furnish full and accurate reports of the proceedings and debates of the Senate for the thirtieth Congress: *Provided,* That the cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of twelve thousand dollars for the long session, and six thousand dollars for the short session; and in the event of an extra session of said Congress,

in like proportion for such extra session; to be paid out of the appropriation for the contingent expenses of the Senate: *Provided, also,* That said contractor shall employ a sufficient number of stenographers and other reporters to enable him to furnish full and accurate reports of each day's proceedings and debates, in printed form, on the succeeding morning, and shall have the same neatly made up at the close of every week in quarto form for preservation; and shall furnish to each member of the Senate twenty copies of the daily and twelve copies of the weekly publication; and that he shall also send daily, by mail, a copy of the daily reports to the principal newspapers in the United States.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 417) for the relief of the legal representatives of Joseph E. Primeau and Thomas J. Chapman, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of certain Cherokee Indians residing in North Carolina; and from the further consideration of the memorial of Susan Coody and others, of the Cherokee nation.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Leslie Coombs, submitted a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate do transmit to the President a copy of the memorial and papers of Leslie Coombs, praying the payment by the United States of certain securities issued by the late republic of Texas, with also a copy of this resolution, and the report made in said case, and that the President be requested to communicate the same to the proper authorities of the State of Texas; and also, that said memorial and papers be referred to the Attorney General and Secretary of the Treasury, who are directed to obtain full information as to said case, and report thereon to the Senate on the first day of next session of Congress.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of William H. Bassett, submitted a report, accompanied by a resolution "that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the petition."

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the petition of the heirs of A. L. Duncan, the memorial of S. Calvert Ford, and the petition of Aaron Weeks, submitted a report in each case; whereupon,

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

Ordered, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the said memorial and petitions.

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

Ordered, That the reports be printed.

Mr. Bagby, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 415) for the relief of George B. Russell and others, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bagby, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Preston Starritt and others, submitted an adverse report, which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 657) to give the assent of Congress to the sale of certain salt spring lands heretofore granted to the States of Michigan, Illinois, and Arkansas, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom the following bills were referred:

H. R. 569. An act to create an additional land district in the Territory of Wisconsin, and for other purposes;

H. R. 654. An act for the relief of the citizens of Beetown, in the Territory of Wisconsin;

reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Bright, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 177) for the relief of the legal representatives of Simon Spaulding, deceased, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of M. H. De Leon, reported a bill (S. 183) to refund to the legal representative of Thomas Cooper a fine imposed under the sedition law: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the accompanying report be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of Robert Owen, submitted a report; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of George C. De Kay, reported a joint resolution (S. 14) authorizing the employment of the United States ship Macedonian in transporting provisions for the famishing poor in Ireland and Scotland: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent: and,

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Simmons, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred a motion by Mr. Bagby "that all the documents accompanying the report upon the Tonawanda case be printed with the report, for the use of the Senate," reported in favor of printing the same.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and the report was concurred in.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 177) to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels," and to determine the time when said act shall take effect: and,

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The bills and joint resolution received yesterday from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills numbered 234, 644, 679, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; that the bills numbered 674 and 676 be referred to the Committee on Commerce; that the bill numbered 684 be referred to the Committee on Public Lands; that the bills numbered 638 and 691 be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads; and that the joint resolution numbered 59 be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 43) for the relief of M. A. Price and E. A. White, reported the same without amendment.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 599) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1848, and for other purposes; and having been further amended,

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Vice President signed the nine enrolled bills and the enrolled joint resolution this day reported to have been examined; and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had presented to the President of the United States the enrolled bills and the enrolled resolution this day reported to have been examined.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 178) to provide for the purchase of the manuscript papers of the late James Madison, former President of the United States; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 24 / Nays, ... 9

On motion by Mr. Breese,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Butler, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Mason, Miller, Morehead, Sturgeon, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atchison, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, Dickinson, Niles.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to provide for the purchase of the manuscript papers of the late James Madison."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 13) for the relief of Mary McRea, widow of Lieutenant Colonel William McRea, late of the United States army, deceased; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 23 / Nays, ... 10

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Benton, Berrien, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dix, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Sturgeon, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Dickinson, Mason, Niles, Turney, Yulee.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of Mary McRea, widow of Lieutenant Colonel William McRea, late of the United States army, deceased."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion: and,

After debate, and the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 26, 1847.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of War, accompanied by fifty-eight copies of the official Army Register: which was read.

Mr. Dix presented four petitions of citizens of New York, praying that the Tonawanda band of Indians may be exempted from the operation of the Seneca treaty of 1842.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying an alteration in the system of disposing of the public lands of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Dix presented the memorial of Russell Sturgis, praying that a register may be issued for a British built vessel which he has purchased and caused to be repaired within the United States.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dix submitted additional documents relating to the claim of Amos Holton: which, with his petition on the files of the Senate, were referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Fairfield presented the petition of William T. Sayward and others, praying that a register may be issued for the barque Canton, a foreign vessel, which was wrecked upon the coast of the United States and purchased and rebuilt by them: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Cameron presented five petitions of inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying such alterations in the constitution and laws of the United States as will abolish slavery throughout the Union.

The reception of the petitions being objected to,

Ordered, That the motion for their reception lie on the table.

Mr. Allen presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Ohio, in favor of increasing the pay and allowing bounty land to the soldiers in the service of the United States in Mexico, tendering to the government the aid of that State in bringing the war to an honorable conclusion, and expressing their high sense of the gallant conduct of the officers and soldiers of the army in Mexico.

The resolutions were read.

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Berrien presented the petition of Harvey Sheppard, heir of William Sheppard, deceased, a revolutionary soldier, praying a pension: which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dickinson presented a preamble and resolution passed by the legislature of the State of New York, in favor of the enactment of a law to regulate the transportation of passengers on board of merchant vessels.

The preamble and resolution were read.

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Davis presented a petition of citizens of Massachusetts, praying that an appropriation may be made for a light-boat at the entrance of the Vineyard sound and Buzzard's bay: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dickinson presented the memorial of John Lorimer Graham, late postmaster at the city of New York, praying the reimbursement of certain expenditures made by him on public account: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Jarnagin,

Ordered, That five hundred additional copies be printed of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the memorial of Edward J. Forstall in behalf of Hope and Company, of Amsterdam.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom were referred the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 10) to establish a land office in the northern part of Michigan, and to provide for the sale of mineral lands in the State of Michigan and Territory of Wisconsin, reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said amendments: and,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Morehead, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 691) to amend the act entitled "An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the revenues of the Post Office Department," passed 3d March, 1845, reported the same without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Mrs. Clara H. Pike, and from the further consideration of the petition of David Whelply.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of William Hogan, submitted a report, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That there is no law by which balances can be found in favor of defendants in suits brought by the United States; that the issuing of certificates for balances so found is an irregular practice and ought to be discontinued, and that Congress ought not to pass any act for the relief of

individuals founded on such certificates, or suffer the same to be adduced as any evidence of the justice of a claim against the government.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 635. An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending the 30th June, 1848.

H. R. 442. An act in addition to and amendment of the several acts to promote the progress of the useful arts.

H. R. 636. An act authorizing the erection of certain light-houses, and for other purposes.

H. R. 646. An act for the increase of the marine corps of the United States.

The House of Representatives have passed the resolution from the Senate (S. 10) respecting the maps and charts of the surveys of the boundary lines of the United States of America with foreign States.

They disagree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 605), entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th June, 1848."

They disagree to the 12th amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 595) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1848, and concur in the residue of the amendments of the Senate to the said bill.

They have also passed the following bills, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 649. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the better organization of the department of Indian affairs," and an act entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers, approved June 30, 1834, and for other purposes."

H. R. 655. An act making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions for the year ending 30th June, 1848.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 597) making appropriations for the support of the army and of volunteers for the year ending the 30th June, 1848, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments: which were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of Charles Stearns, submitted a report: which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Ashley,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of citizens of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, respecting the importation of foreign paupers and criminals.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 91) for the relief of the estates of Benjamin Metoyer and François Gaiennie, deceased, reported the same without amendment, and that the bill ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of H. H. Hildreth.

The six bills this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 636 be referred to the Committee on Commerce; that the bill numbered 646 be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs; that the bill numbered 442 be referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office; that the bills numbered 635 and 655 be referred to the Committee on Finance; and that the bill numbered 649 be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives to the bill (H. R. 595) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1848: and,

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 605) making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th June, 1848: and,

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Crittenden, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 184) to provide some relief for the suffering people of Ireland and Scotland: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The said bill was read the second time.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 599) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1848, and for other purposes.

On motion, by Mr. Cameron, to amend the bill by inserting,

"*That the Secretary of the Treasury be instructed to pay to Ritchie and Heiss the amount deducted by the committees of the Senate and House of Representatives from their accounts as rendered for printing finished and delivered previous to the passage of the printing law now in operation:*"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 25 / Nays, ... 21

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mason, Morehead, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Soulé, Sturgeon, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Benton, Berrien, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Mangum, Miller, Niles, Yulee.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the bill lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion: and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, the 25th instant, the following acts:

S. 140. An act authorizing the issuing of a register to the brigantine Ocean Queen.

S. 12. An act granting a pension to Joseph Morrison.

S. 36. An act for the relief of John Stockton, late a lieutenant in the army of the United States.

S. 68. An act for the relief of Peter Frost.

S. 56. An act for the relief of George Gordon.

S. 103. An act for the relief of George Roush.

S. 149. An act for the relief of James S. Conway.

S. 123. An act for the relief of Andrew Moore.

S. 155. An act to grant a pre-emption right to Philip F. Dering and Robert H. Champion to a tract of mineral land.

S. R. 3. Resolution to correct an error in the act of June 17, 1844, for the relief of Mary Ann Linton.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (H. R. 599) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1848, and for other purposes: and being further amended,

On motion by Mr. Archer,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 27, 1847.

Mr. Evans presented the petition of Barrett Edwards Potter, praying that a speech delivered in the Senate by the honorable Mr. Corwin, on the bill making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable termination, may be printed at public expense: which was referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Sturgeon submitted documents relating to the claim of Elisha K. Kane to compensation for his services as physician to the Chinese mission in 1843 and 1844: which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Hannegan presented a petition of citizens of Montgomery county, Indiana, praying the adoption of pacific measures for terminating the war with Mexico.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Davis presented a memorial of Phœbe Wood and Sylvia Ann Wood, remonstrating against certain provisions in the bill (S. 136) for the relief of the heirs of Jethro Wood, deceased.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented four petitions of citizens of New York, praying that the Tonawanda Indians may be exempted from the operation of the Seneca treaty of May 20, 1842.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Calhoun presented a memorial of the legal representatives of James Miller, deceased, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Morehead submitted the following resolution; which was read:

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate, and under the direction of the committee to audit and control the same, to each of the officers, clerks, messengers, assistant messengers, pages, and laborers in the service of the Senate, the same amount, respectively, that was paid them at the close of the last Congress under resolutions of the Senate.

Mr. Greene submitted the following resolution; which was read:

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid, under the direction of the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate, to the laborer employed in the care of the furnaces and fires for heating the building, fifty cents per day in addition to his present allowance, from the commencement of the present session; and also, the same additional pay during the last session of Congress.

Mr. Breese submitted the following motion for consideration:

"That on and after Monday next the daily hour of meeting of the Senate shall be 10 o'clock, a. m."

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 369) creating a collection district in Maine, and constituting Bangor, in said district, a port of entry, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 679) to amend the act entitled "An act to regulate the proceedings in the circuit courts of the United States, and for other purposes," passed 8th August, 1846, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 644) authorizing a term of the United States circuit and district courts at Chicago, Illinois, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Miller, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 477) for the relief of David Myerle, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 419) for the relief the legal representatives of James H. Clark, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a joint resolution (S. 15) relating to errors and defective returns in certain surveys, plats, and field-notes: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Bagby, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 649) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the better organization of the department of Indian affairs," and an act entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers, approved June 30, 1834, and for other purposes," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom were referred the following acts:

H. R. 306. "An act concerning collection districts, and for other purposes;"

H. R. 387. "An act extending the privileges granted by the 7th section of the act of March 3, 1845, to the town of Whitehall, in the State of New York;"

reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of Russell Sturgis, reported a bill (S. 185) to authorize the issuing of a register to the brig Leveret: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of William T. Sayward, reported a bill (S. 186) to authorize the issuing of a register to the barque Canton: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 674) concerning the licensing of yachts, and for other purposes, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Yulee, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel Hoggatt, reported a bill (S. 187) for his relief: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Dix, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 188) to amend an act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes:" which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 234) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the payment of horses or other property lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States," approved the 18th day of January, 1837, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bright, agreeably to notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 189) providing for the surrender of certain bonds of the State of Indiana, held by the United States: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following acts:

S. 10. A resolution respecting the maps and charts of the surveys of the boundary lines of the United States of America with foreign States.

S. 10. An act to establish a land office in the northern part of Michigan, and to provide for the sale of mineral lands in the State of Michigan.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 629) to carry into effect certain provisions in the treaties between the United States and China, and the Ottoman Porte, giving certain judicial powers to ministers and consuls of the United States in those countries;

Also, a bill (H. R. 692) for the relief of Mary Segar, and for the relief of Elisha Denison, administrator of Phenix Ellis;

in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 82) for the relief of Hobson Johns.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill and an enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the enrolled bill (S. 10) and the enrolled resolution (S. R. 10) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The two bills (H. R. 629, 692) last brought from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 629 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and that the bill numbered 692 be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 177) to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels," and to determine the time when said act shall take effect, reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said amendment: and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the amendments of the Senate disagreed to by the House of Representatives to the bill (H. R. 605) making appropriations for the Military Academy of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1848, reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said amendments: and

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their amendments to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the amendment of the Senate, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 595) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1848, reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider their said amendment: and

Resolved, That they recede therefrom.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Fairfield, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 646) for the increase of the marine corps of the United States, reported the same with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 646) last mentioned; and having been amended, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That it pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Cameron, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 200) for the relief of the heirs of John Paul Jones, reported the same with amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill (H. R. 200) as in Committee of the Whole, together with the amendments reported thereto; and

having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 635) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending June 30, 1848, reported the same with amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill (H. R. 635) as in Committee of the Whole, with the amendments reported thereto.

On the question to agree to the reported amendment proposing to strike out the 3d section of the bill, as follows:

"*And be it further enacted*, That hereafter, any law to the contrary notwithstanding, all advertisements made under orders of the Postmaster General, in a newspaper or newspapers, of letters uncalled for in any post office, shall be inserted in such newspaper or newspapers as shall be designated by the postmaster of the town or place where the office advertising is situated, or the nearest newspaper thereto: *Provided*, The editor or editors of such paper or papers shall agree to insert the same for a price not greater than that now fixed by law:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 19 / Nays, ... 19

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Badger, Berrien, Calhoun, Cameron, Cilley, Corwin, Davis, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Sturgeon.

The Senate being equally divided, the Vice President determined the question in the negative.

The bill having been amended, was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

On motion by Mr. Evans further to amend the bill by striking out the third section:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 24 / Nays, ... 21

On motion by Mr. Breese,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Calhoun, Cameron, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Simmons, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, But-

ler, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Mason, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Soulé, Sturgeon.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The bill being further amended,

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That it pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 104) giving the consent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, authorizing the levy of tolls on the James river, reported the same with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole, together with the amendment reported thereto; and the reported amendment being agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

On motion, by Mr. Breese, to postpone the previous orders and to proceed to the consideration of the bill (S. 4) to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands, and for other purposes:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 17 / Nays, ... 23

On motion by Mr. Breese,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Benton, Breese, Bright, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Hannegan, Houston, Mason, Soulé, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Bagby, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Rusk, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge.

So the motion was disagreed to.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 599) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1848, and for other purposes.

On motion, by Mr. Rusk, to amend the bill by adding thereto the following:

"For the purpose of enabling the President to settle the claims of the late republic of Texas, according to principles of justice and equity, for disarming a body of Texas troops under the command of Colonel Snively, and for entering the custom-house at Bryarly's landing and taking certain goods therefrom, the sum of thirty thousand dollars; the account to be settled by the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 23 / Nays, ... 15

On motion by Mr. Rusk,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mason, Rusk, Sevier, Soulé, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Cilley, Corwin, Davis, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Upham.

The bill having been amended, was reported to the Senate.

On the question to concur in the following amendment:

"That the Secretary of the Treasury be instructed to pay to Ritchie and Heiss, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the amount deducted by the committees of the Senate and House of Representatives from their accounts as rendered for printing finished and delivered previous to the passage of the printing law now in operation:"

A motion was made by Mr. Evans to amend the amendment by striking out the words "*Senate and*:" and

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 22 / Nays, ... 22

On motion by Mr. Calhoun,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Benton, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Evans, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Upham, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mason, Rusk, Sevier, Soulé, Sturgeon, Webster, Westcott.

The Senate being equally divided, the Vice President determined the question in the negative.

On the question to concur in the said amendment:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 23 / Nays, ... 20

On motion by Mr. John M. Clayton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mason, Rusk, Sevier, Soulé, Sturgeon, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Calhoun, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Mangum, Miller, Niles, Pearce, Upham, Yulee.

So the amendment was concurred in.

The residue of the amendments made in Committee of the Whole being concurred in,

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 692) for the relief of Mary Segar, and for the relief of Elisha Denison, administrator of Phenix Carpenter Ellis, reported the same without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. Crittenden, that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (S. 184) to provide some relief for the suffering people of Ireland and Scotland:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 18 / Nays, ... 23

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Badger, Berrien, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Crittenden, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atchison, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Cameron, Chalmers, Davis, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Mason, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Soulé, Sturgeon, Turney, Yulee.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following acts:

H. R. 595. An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1848.

H. R. 691. An act to amend the act entitled "An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the revenues of the Post Office Department," passed third March, eighteen hundred and forty-five.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 14th, and 15th amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 596) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June 30, 1848; disagree to the 3d, 12th, and 13th amendments of the Senate to the said bill; and agree to the 1st, 2d, 5th, and 16th amendments of the Senate, with amendments: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives insist on their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 605) making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending June 30, 1848.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the two enrolled bills (H. R. 595, 691) last

reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion: and,

After debate,

On motion, by Mr. Berrien, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed to Monday next:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 22

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Mason, Rusk, Sevier, Soulé, Sturgeon, Turney, Yulee.

So it was

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to Monday next.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 655) making appropriations for the payment of the navy pensions for the year ending 30th June, 1848, reported the same with amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, with the amendments reported thereto; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments to the bill (H. R. 603) making appropriation for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th June, 1848, further disagreed to by the House of Representatives: and,

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Resolved, That the Senate further insist on their amendments to the said bill, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the Vice President appoint the committee of conference on the part of the Senate: and

Mr. Evans, Mr. Dickinson, and Mr. Huntington were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments, amended and disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 596) making

appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1848: and

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their amendments disagreed to by the House, and disagree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to their amendment to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 184) to provide some relief for the suffering people of Ireland and Scotland.

On motion, by Mr. Mason, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause, and, in lieu thereof, inserting: "*That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized, under such regulations as he may deem expedient, to employ such and so many of the ships and other vessels of the navy as in his judgment can be employed without detriment to the public service, in transporting to the ports of England, Ireland, and Scotland, such provisions as may be offered to him by or on behalf of the people of the United States, to be transported for the relief of the people of those countries, respectively, from the horrors of famine by which they are surrounded.*"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 17 / Nays, ... 24

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Atchison, Bagby, Benton, Bright, Calhoun, Cameron, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Mason, Niles, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Badger, Berrien, Breese, Butler, Cass, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Simmons, Sturgeon, Webster.

So the proposed amendment was not agreed to.

No amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

On the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 13

On motion by Mr. Berrien,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Berrien, Breese, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Simmons, Soulé, Sturgeon, Webster.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Bagby, Butler, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Mason, Niles, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill (S. 172) making appropriation for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1848, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, March 1, 1847.

Mr. Archer presented the credentials of the honorable Robert M. T. Hunter, chosen a Senator by the legislature of the commonwealth of Virginia for six years from the fourth day of March, 1847: which were read.

Mr. Greene reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following acts:

S. 82. An act for the relief of Hobson Johns.

S. 177. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels," and to determine the time when said act shall take effect.

Mr. Bright reported that they had presented to the President of the United States, the 27th February, the following acts:

H. R. 193. An act for the relief of the heirs of Daniel D. Tompkins, late of New York, deceased.

H. R. 637. An act to regulate the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels.

H. R. 52. Resolution for the relief of John and Charles Bruce.

S. 114. An act to regulate the exercise of the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States in certain cases, and for other purposes.

And that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following acts:

S. 10. An act to establish a land office in the northern part of Michigan, and to provide for the sale of mineral lands in the State of Michigan.

S. R. 10. Resolution respecting the maps and charts of the surveys of the boundary lines of the United States of America with foreign States.

Mr. Cass presented a preamble and resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Michigan, declaring it as their opinion that the existing war with Mexico was brought about solely by the acts of that republic, and that it should be prosecuted on the part of the United States with vigor; that it is the duty of the government to make provision for the soldiers engaged in the war, and for the families of such as may be killed or die of wounds received in battle; and in favor of extending the provisions of the ordinance of 1787 over any territory which may be acquired by the United States.

The preamble and resolutions were read.

Ordered, That they lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Dickinson presented five petitions of citizens of New York, praying the employment of a public vessel for transporting food to the famishing poor of Ireland.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Dayton presented the proceedings of a meeting of citizens of Trenton, New Jersey, vindicating the character and conduct of General Zachary Taylor in his military operations at Monterey.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented six petitions of citizens of New York, praying the employment of a public vessel in carrying food to the famishing poor of Ireland.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Dix presented a petition of citizens of Seneca county, New York, praying that the Tonawanda Indians may be exempted from the operation of the Seneca treaty of May 20, 1842.

Ordered. That it lie on the table.

Mr. Cameron presented a petition of citizens of Allegheny city, Pennsylvania, praying that tea and coffee may not be subject to duty.

Ordered, That it lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Cameron presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the adoption of pacific measures for speedily terminating the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the Senate take a recess this day from 4 o'clock to 6 o'clock, p. m.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 646) entitled "An act for the increase of the marine corps."

They *insist* on their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 596) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June 30, 1848; further insist on their amendments disagreed to by the Senate to certain amendments of the Senate to the said bill; ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses, and have appointed Mr. McKay, Mr. Benton, and Mr. Schenck managers at the same on their part.

They further insist on their disagreement to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 605) making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending June 30, 1848; agree to the conference asked by the Senate; and have appointed Mr. Hungerford, Mr. Boyd, and Mr. Caleb B. Smith managers at the same on their part.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, (S. 82, 177,) I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 188) to amend an act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," reported the same with amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole, with the amendments reported thereto; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 568) establishing the Territorial government of Minasota, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 191) for the relief of the Bank of the Metropolis, reported the same without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill (S. 190) respecting the location of the lands in the State of Florida granted by the United States to that State for different objects, and for other purposes: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 442) entitled "An act in addition to and amendment of the several acts to promote the progress of the useful arts," reported it without amendment, and submitted a special report on the subject: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cameron, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the resolution (H. R. 58) granting certain unserviceable brass cannon to the Jackson monument committee, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution as in Committee of the Whole: and,

On motion by Mr. Miller,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 612) further to extend the charter of the Union Bank of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the resolution (S. R. 13) to refund money to the States which have supplied volunteers and furnished them transportation, during the present war, before being mustered and received into the service of the United States, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That this resolution be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said resolution was read a third time.

Resolved, That this resolution pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 636) authorizing the erection of certain light houses, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Badger, the vote on the passing of the bill last mentioned was reconsidered: and,

On motion by Mr. Badger, the vote on concurring in the amendment made in Committee of the Whole was also reconsidered: and,

On the question to concur in the said amendment:

It was determined in the negative.

No amendment being made to the bill,

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Badger, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution (H. R. 55) giving the thanks of Congress to Major General Taylor, and the officers and men under his command, in the late military operations at Monterey, reported the same with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the resolution (H. R. 55) last mentioned, with the amendment reported thereto: and

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the said resolution, with an amendment: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the conference asked by the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 596) making further appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June 30, 1848.

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the Vice President: and

Mr. Huntington, Mr. Fairfield, and Mr. Butler were accordingly appointed.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 597) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th June, 1848, with the amendments reported thereto; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, in relation to saccharine substances, and the art of manufacturing sugar: which was read.

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Ordered, That it be printed.

On motion by Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That five thousand copies, in addition to the usual number, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 638) to establish certain post routes, reported the same with amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill (H. R. 638) as in Committee of the Whole, together with the amendments reported thereto; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles, originating in the Senate:

S. 44. An act for the relief of William B. Keene.

S. 104. An act giving the consent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of Virginia authorizing the levy of tolls on the James river.

S. 124. An act for the relief of the heirs of Louis de la Houssaye, deceased.

S. 144. An act confirming the claim of the heirs and legal representatives of Pierre Dufresne to a tract of land.

The House of Representatives have passed a resolution to suspend the 16th joint rule of the two houses, so far as relates to the bill (H. R. 694) authorizing a register to be issued to the brig Leveret; also, a resolution to suspend the 16th joint rule, so far as relates to the joint resolution of the House of Representatives (H. R. 61) to prohibit the sale at private entry of certain lands in Cincinnati, Ohio: in which resolutions they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Vice President signed the two enrolled bills (S. 82, 177,) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (H. R. 40) for the settlement of the accounts of purser G. R. Barry; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read a third time.

Resolved, That this resolution pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 160) making provision for an additional number of general officers, and for other purposes, with the amendments of the House of Representatives thereto, reported thereon.

Mr. Pearce (by unanimous consent) asked and obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. R. 16) for lighting with gas the Capitol and Capitol grounds: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution from the House of Representatives to suspend the 16th joint rule, so far as relates to a bill (H. R. 694) authorizing a register to be issued to the brig Leveret: and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution passed by the House of Representatives to suspend the 16th joint rule, so far as relates to a joint resolution (H. R. 61) to prohibit the sale at private entry of certain lands in Cincinnati, Ohio; and the resolution having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Sevier, by adding thereto "and so far as relates to the bills and joint resolutions passed by the Senate this day:"

Resolved, That the resolution pass, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the second amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 635) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending 30th June, 1848; disagree to the third and fourth amendments of the Senate to the said bill; and agree to the first amendment of the Senate with an amendment: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives concur in the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the resolution (H. R. 55) giving the thanks of Congress to Major General Taylor, the officers and men under his command in the late military operations at Monterey.

The House of Representatives agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 605) making appropriation for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th of June, 1848.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate, amended and disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 635) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending the 30th June, 1848: and

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their amendment to the said bill disagreed to by the House, disagree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to their amendment, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the Vice President: and

Mr. Niles, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Cameron were appointed.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following acts:

S. 10. An act to establish a land office in the northern part of Michigan, and to provide for the sale of mineral lands in the State of Michigan.

S. R. 10. A resolution respecting the maps and charts of the surveys of the boundary lines of the United States of America with foreign states.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

H. R. 595. An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1848.

H. R. 691. An act to amend the act entitled "An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the revenues of the Post Office Department," passed 3d March, 1845.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives insist on their amendment to the first amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 635) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending the 30th June, 1848, and insist on their disagreement to the third and fourth amendments of the Senate to the said amendment; agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses, and have appointed Mr. Houston, of Alabama, Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, and Mr. Seaman, managers at the same on their part.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion: and,

After debate,

The Senate took a recess until six o'clock in the evening.

SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendment of the Senate to the resolution of the House of Representatives to suspend the 16th joint rule, so far as relates to a resolution "to prohibit the sale at private entry of certain lands in Cincinnati, Ohio."

They have passed a bill (H. R. 694) authorizing a register to be issued to the brig Leveret; also,

A resolution (H. R. 61) to prohibit the sale at private entry of certain lands in Cincinnati, Ohio: in which bill and resolution they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 72) for the relief of Elijah White, and others.

The have passed a resolution for the appointment of Mr. George W. Jones and Mr. Ramsey additional members of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, on their part.

They concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 597)

making appropriations for the support of the army and of volunteers for the year ending June 30, 1848.

They disagree to one of the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 638) to establish certain post routes, agree to another amendment of the Senate with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate; and agree to other amendments of the Senate to the said bill.

Mr. Berrien, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill (S. 191) to provide for the punishment of piracy in certain cases: which was read, and passed to the second reading.

The said bill was read the second time, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill from the House of Representatives (H. R. 694) authorizing a register to be issued to the brig Leveret was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The joint resolution (H. R. 61) to prohibit the sale at private entry of certain lands in Cincinnati, Ohio, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and resolutions:

H. R. 191. An act for the relief of the Bank of the Metropolis.

H. R. 612. An act further to extend the charter of the Union Bank of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia.

H. R. 636. An act authorizing the erection of certain light-houses, and for other purposes.

H. R. 646. An act for the increase of the marine corps of the United States.

H. R. 40. Joint resolution for the settlement of the accounts of Purser G. R. Barry.

H. R. 55. Joint resolution giving the thanks of Congress to Major General Taylor, the officers and men under his command in the late military operations at Monterey.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Morehead the 27th ultimo, allowing compensation to the persons therein mentioned; and the resolution having been amended on the motion of Mr. Yulee, was agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate, and under the direction of the committee to audit and control the same, to each of the officers, clerks, messengers, assistant messenger, pages, and laborers in the service of the Senate, the same amount, respectively, that was paid them at the close of the last Congress, under resolutions of the Senate; and that there be allowed and paid, under the direction of the Committee to audit and control the contingent expenses of the Senate, to William J. McCormick, for the services of his son William as a page in the Senate, for the use of said William, the same pay and allow-

ances as shall have been made to the other pages during the present session.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed four enrolled bills and two enrolled resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion.

On motion, by Mr. Berrien, to amend the bill by adding thereto the following:

"Provided always, and it is hereby declared to be the true intent and meaning of Congress in making this appropriation, that the war with Mexico ought not to be prosecuted by this government with any view to the dismemberment of that republic, or to the acquisition, by conquest, of any portion of her territory. That this government, ever desirous to maintain and preserve peaceful and friendly relations with all nations, and particularly with the neighboring republic of Mexico, will always be ready to enter upon negotiations with a view to terminate the present unhappy conflict, on terms which shall secure the just rights and preserve inviolate the national honor of the United States and of Mexico. That it is especially desirable, in order to maintain and preserve those amicable relations which ought always to exist between neighboring republics, that the boundary of the State of Texas should be definitively settled, and that provision be made by the republic of Mexico for the prompt and equitable adjustment of the just claims of our citizens on that republic:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 24 / Nays, ... 29

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Mason, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Soulé, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

So the proposed amendment was not agreed to.

The bill having been amended on the motion of Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana:

On motion, by Mr. Upham, further to amend the bill by inserting the following as an additional section:

"SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in any territory, on the continent of America, which shall hereafter be acquired by or annexed to the United States by virtue of this appropriation, or in any other manner whatever, except for crimes whereof the party shall have been duly convicted: *Provided, always,* That any person escaping into such territory from whom labor or

service is lawfully claimed in any one of the United States, such fugitive may be lawfully reclaimed, and conveyed out of said territory to the person claiming his or her labor or service:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 21 / Nays, ... 32

On motion by Mr. Upham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atherton, Cameron, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Huntington, Miller, Niles, Phelps, Simmons, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Atchison, Badger, Bagby, Benton, Berrien, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Crittenden, Dickinson, Hannegan, Houston, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Mangum, Mason, Morehead, Pearce, Rusk, Sevier, Soulé, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

So the proposed amendment was not agreed to.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendment made as in Committee of the Whole was concurred in.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 29 / Nays, ... 24

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Cass, Chalmers, Colquitt, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, Mason, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Soulé, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Cameron, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 2, 1847.

The Vice President signed the four enrolled bills (H. R. 191, 612, 636, 646) and the two enrolled resolutions (H. R. 40, 55) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following acts:

S. 82. An act for the relief of Hobson Johns.

S. 177. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels," and to determine the time when said act shall take effect.

S. 72. An act for the relief of Elijah White and others.

S. 144. An act confirming the claim of the heirs and legal representatives of Pierre Dufresne to a tract of land.

S. 124. An act for the relief of the heirs of Louis de la Houssaye, deceased.

S. 104. An act giving the consent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of Virginia authorizing the levy of tolls on the James river.

S. 44. An act for the relief of William B. Keene.

H. R. 597. An act making appropriations for the support of the army and for the volunteers for the year ending the 30th June, 1848.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the diagrams accompanying the report of the Secretary of the Treasury respecting experiments on saccharine substances be engraved.

Mr. Cameron submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the messengers and laborers of the Senate be in future employed during the recess of Congress at their usual per diem, under the direction of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, and that there shall be no other compensation allowed in future.

On motion by Mr. Dickinson,

Ordered, That O. C. Harris have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Breese presented a report of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, made agreeably to law, showing the operations, expenditures, and condition of the institution: which was read.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Chalmers presented the credentials of Henry Stewart Foote, chosen a Senator by the legislature of the State of Mississippi for the term of six years from the fourth day of March, 1847: which were read.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 234) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the payment of horses or other property lost and destroyed in the military service of the United States, approved the 18th day of January, 1837;" and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Breese, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 684) to amend the act entitled "An act to carry into effect in the States of Alabama and Mississippi the existing compacts with those States with regard to the five per cent. fund and the school reservations," reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole, with the amendment reported thereto; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Evans, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 605) making appropriation for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th June, 1848, reported:

"That they have met the conferees on the part of the House; and, after free and full conference upon the subject of the said disagreeing votes, have agreed to recommend, and do recommend to their respective houses, that the Senate recede from its first amendment to said bill; that the House recede from its disagreement to the second amendment of the Senate to said bill, and agree to the said amendment, amended by striking out 'twenty-seven' and inserting '*fifteen*;' and that the Senate agree to said amendment thus amended; and that the Senate recede from its third amendment to said bill."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report: and,

Resolved, That they concur therein, and that the bill be amended accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments, amended and disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 638) to establish certain post routes: and,

On motion by Mr. Niles,

Resolved, That they insist on their amendment disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and on their disagreement to the amendments of the House to their amendment; and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses.

On motion by Mr. Niles,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the Vice President: and

Mr. Niles, Mr. Atchison, and Mr. Morehead were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the resolution (S. R. 14) authorizing the employment of the United States ship Macedonian in transporting provisions for the famishing poor in Ireland and Scotland; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, "Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 23 / Nays, ... 12

On motion by Mr. Chalmers,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Benton, Bright, Cameron, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Hannegan, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Miller, Niles, Pearce, Sturgeon, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Badger, Bagby, Butler, Chalmers, Cilley, Mangum, Mason, Sevier, Turney, Yulee.

So it was

Ordered, That this resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read a third time, and the title was amended.

Resolved, That this resolution pass, and that the title thereof be "A resolution authorizing the employment of the United States ships Macedonian and Jamestown in transporting provisions for the famishing poor in Ireland and Scotland."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this resolution.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 635) making appropriations for the Post Office Department for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1848.

Mr. Niles, from the committee appointed on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 635) making appropriations for the Post Office Department for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1848, reported:

"That they have met the conferees on the part of the House; and, after free and full conference upon the subject of said disagreeing votes, have agreed to recommend, and do recommend to their respective houses, that the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House to the first amendment of the Senate, and agree to said amendment, amended by striking out 'three' and inserting 'two,' and by inserting before the word 'communications,' 'written' and by inserting after the word 'himself,' 'on his private business;' that the House recede from its disagreement to the third amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same, amended by striking out all after 'entitled,' and inserting, in lieu thereof, 'to an annual salary of four hundred and fifty dollars,' and that the Senate agree to said amendment of their amendment; and that the House recede from its disagreement to the fourth amendment of the Senate."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report: and,

Resolved, That they concur therein, and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 629) to carry into effect certain provisions in the treaties between the United States and China, and the Ottoman Porte, giving judicial powers to ministers and consuls of the United States in those countries, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 234. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the payment of horses or other property lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States, approved the 18th day of January, 1837."

H. R. 605. An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending on the 30th June, 1848.

H. R. 635. An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending on the 30th June, 1848.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives insist on their amendments to an amendment of the Senate, and on their disagreement to

amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 638) to establish certain post routes; agree to the conference asked by the Senate, and have appointed Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Hough, and Mr. Hilliard managers to conduct the same on their part.

The President of the United States has approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 691. An act to amend the act entitled "An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the revenues of the Post Office Department," passed 3d March, 1845.

H. R. 595. An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfiling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1848.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed nine enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 44. An act for the relief of William B. Keene;

S. 72. An act for the relief of Elijah White and others;

S. 104. An act giving the consent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of Virginia authorizing the levy of tolls on the James river;

S. 124. An act for the relief of the heirs of Louis de la Houssaye, deceased;

S. 144. An act confirming the claim of the heirs and legal representatives of Pierre Dufresne to a tract of land;

H. R. 234. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the payment of horses, or other property lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States," approved the 18th day of January, 1837;

H. R. 597. An act making appropriations for the support of the army and for the volunteers for the year ending the 30th June, 1848;

H. R. 605. An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending on the 30th June, 1848;

H. R. 635. An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending on the 30th June, 1848;

and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom were referred the petition of Peter Grover, the documents relating to the claim of Ann Clayton, the petition of Samuel P. Armstrong and others, and the petition of Mary Genung, submitted an adverse report in each case: which reports were ordered to be printed.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed this day the following acts:

S. 82. An act for the relief of Hobson Johns.

S. 177. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels," and to determine the time when said act shall take effect.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The resolution submitted by Mr. Hannegan the 25th February, to pro-

vide for full and accurate reports of the proceedings and debates of the Senate, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

On motion, by Mr. Benton, that the resolution be referred to a select committee, to examine and report as to the expediency of the proposed measure:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 20 / Nays, ... 28

On motion by Mr. Badger,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Cameron, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Soulé, Sturgeon, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Calhoun, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Mangum, Mason, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

On motion, by Mr. Benton, to amend the resolution by striking out the words "Doctor James A. Houston:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 12 / Nays, ... 26

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Dix, Houston, Sturgeon, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Mason, Miller, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Yulee.

On motion, by Mr. Benton, to amend the resolution by striking out the words "and directed," in the second line:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 12 / Nays, ... 26

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Cameron, Dix, Houston, Niles, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Butler, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Rusk, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

On motion, by Mr. Benton, to amend the resolution in the fifth line by striking out the word "twelve:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 16 / Nays, ... 28

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Mason, Niles, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Rusk, Simmons, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

On motion, by Mr. Benton, to amend the resolution by adding thereto, "and no money shall be paid under this resolution, except in proportion to the work actually done, nor shall any be paid after a breach of the contract in any particular:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 15 / Nays, ... 28

On motion by Mr. Breese,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Niles, Sturgeon, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

On motion, by Mr. Benton, to amend the resolution by adding thereto, "*Provided*, That the said Doctor Houston shall first prove himself to be a citizen of the United States, either by birth or naturalization:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 8 / Nays, ... 26

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bagby, Benton, Bright, Dickinson, Dix, Niles, Sturgeon, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Badger, Butler, Calhoun, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

On motion, by Mr. Benton, to amend the resolution by adding thereto the following: "*Provided*, That the said Doctor Houston shall be bound to give bond and security to the amount of the money and subscription

hereby authorized, to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Senate, for the due performance of the contract:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 18 / Nays, ... 23

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Niles, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Calhoun, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Dayton, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

On motion, by Mr. Benton, to amend the resolution by adding thereto the following: "*Provided*, That the daily papers now established in this city shall have the option and preference to be made the vehicles of said reports:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 13 / Nays, ... 19

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Dickinson, Dix, Houston, Niles, Sturgeon, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Calhoun, Chalmers, Cilley, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Davis, Greene, Hannegan, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the Senate take a recess until six o'clock, p. m., and that the resolution lie on the table until that time.

SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

Mr. Fairfield submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the 16th joint rule of the Senate and House of Representatives be, and hereby is, suspended for the purpose of admitting bills and resolutions passed in either house this day being sent to the other.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this resolution pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill (S. 190) to provide for the punishment of piracy in certain cases.

They agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 684) to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act to carry into effect in the States of Alabama and Mississippi the existing compacts with those States *with regard to* the five per cent. fund and the school reservations."

They agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 638) to establish certain post routes.

Mr. Niles, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 638) to establish certain post routes, reported:

"That they have met the conferees on the part of the House, and, after free and full conference upon the subject of said disagreeing votes, have agreed to recommend, and do recommend to their respective houses, that the House recede from their amendment to the amendment of the Senate, being section third, and that the Senate recede from that amendment to the bill; that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House by striking out all in the fifth section after the word "postage," in the eighth line of said section, to the word "provided," in the eighteenth line, and by striking out all after the word "army," in the twenty-second line of the same section."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report: and

Resolved, That they concur therein, and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report signed G. M. Dallas, Vice President of the United States, and Asbury Dickins, Secretary of the Senate, made in pursuance of the joint resolution of 3d August, 1846, exhibiting their proceedings and the persons who have become contractors for the 30th Congress: which was read, and ordered to be printed.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted the 25th February, by Mr. Hannegan, to provide for full and accurate reports of the proceedings and debates of the Senate.

On motion, by Mr. Benton, that the further consideration of the resolution be postponed indefinitely:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 19 / Nays, ... 27

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Mason, Niles, Sevier, Soulé, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Chalmers, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Simmons, Upham, Woodbridge, Yulee.

On motion, by Mr. Benton, to amend the resolution by inserting after "Houston," in the second line, the words "or Ritchie and Heiss, or Gales and Seaton, or Blair and Rives:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 21 / Nays, ... 27

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Butler, Cameron, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Mason, Niles, Sevier, Soulé, Sturgeon, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Calhoun, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

On motion, by Mr. Benton, to amend the resolution by inserting, "*Provided*, That the amount to be paid for said reporting shall not exceed the highest amount for which Messrs. Gales and Seaton, or Messrs. Blair and Rives, or Mr. Jonathan Elliot, or either of them, offered to report for in the year 1841, as shown in the report of the select committee of that year, No. 114 of the Senate reports; or shall exceed the amount recommended for the same work in the report of the honorable Mr. Archer, of May 30, 1842, No. 309 of Senate reports:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 17 / Nays, ... 27

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Mason, Niles, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Chalmers, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

The following amendment being proposed by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland: at the end of the resolution insert, "The said paper to contain no political discussions, and to be in no way connected with any political press:"

A motion was made by Mr. Benton to amend the same by inserting, "Nor shall any part of the money hereby voted be employed in the purchase, establishment, or support of any political newspaper or magazine, or political periodical of any kind; and if any part of said money shall be so applied, it shall be deemed a fraud upon this resolution, and shall vacate the contract."

And the question being put on the motion by Mr. Benton to amend:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 15 / Nays, ... 27

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Ashley, Bagby, Benton, Bright, Cameron, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Mason, Niles, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Chalmers, Cilley,

John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

The said amendment proposed by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, having been agreed to,

On motion, by Mr. Benton, further to amend the resolution by inserting at the end thereof, "*Provided*, That the resolution expelling Thomas Ritchie from the floor of the Senate be, and the same is hereby rescinded, and that the daily Union, and the editors thereof, be held and deemed to be on an equal footing and have equal privileges with other editors and papers for printing the debates of the Senate, any thing in said rescinded resolution to the contrary notwithstanding:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 18 / Nays, ... 26

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Mason, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

No further amendment being proposed, the resolution was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

On the question, "Shall this resolution be engrossed, and read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 27 / Nays, ... 19

On motion by Mr. Benton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Chalmers, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Mason, Niles, Rusk, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott.

So it was

Ordered, That this resolution be engrossed, and read a third time.

Mr. Rusk, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was recommitted the petition of John P. Baldwin, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 192) for his relief.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Rusk submitted the following resolution; which was read:

Resolved, That there be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate, under the direction of the committee to audit and control the same, to each of the officers and messenger of the Library of Congress, and the two committee clerks, the same amount of compensation allowed to the officers and messengers in the office of the Secretary of the Senate at the present session of Congress.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 596) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending 30th June, 1848.

They agree to some of the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 599) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending June, 30, 1848, disagree to other amendments of the Senate to the said bill, and agree to other amendments with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, (H. R. 638, 684,) I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments, amended and disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 599) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending 30th June, 1848: and,

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Resolved, That they disagree to the amendments of the House of Representatives to their amendments, and insist on their amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Huntington, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 596) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1848, reported:

"That they have met the managers on the part of the House of Representatives; and, after full and free conference on the subject of said disagreeing votes, have agreed to recommend, and do recommend to their respective houses, as follows:

"That the House do recede from their amendment to the amendment of the Senate numbered 1, and do agree to the said amendment of the Senate.

"That the Senate recede from their disagreement to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate numbered 2, and do agree to the same with the following amendment, viz: Strike out the words 'and the sum of twelve hundred dollars,' and insert, in lieu thereof, these words: 'at an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars, which sum;' and that the House do agree to the said amendment thus amended.

"That the Senate recede from their disagreement to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate numbered 5, and do agree to the said amendment of the House.

"That the House recede from their amendment to the amendment of the Senate numbered 16, and that the Senate recede from their said amendment.

"That the House recede from their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 12 and 13, and do agree to the said amendments of the Senate.

"That the House recede from their disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 3, and agree to the same, amended as follows, viz: Strike out the words 'one million sixty-five thousand three hundred and forty-four dollars and forty-two cents,' and insert, in lieu thereof, the words 'nine hundred and seventy-five thousand six hundred and sixty-six dollars and eighty-one cents;' strike out in the 17th line of the original bill the word 'six,' and insert, in lieu thereof, the word 'three;' and add at the end of the 18th line of said bill, after the word 'same,' the words 'who shall actually draw their rations in kind;' and that the Senate do agree to their said amendment, with the amendments aforesaid."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report: and,

Resolved, That the Senate concur therein, and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following acts:

H. R. 638. An act to establish certain post routes.

H. R. 684. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act to carry into effect in the States of Alabama and Mississippi the existing compacts with those States with regard to the five per cent. fund and the school reservations."

The Vice President signed the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, (H. R. 638, 684,) and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 648) for the admission of Wisconsin into the Union; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 160) making provision for an additional number of general officers, and for other purposes: and,

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the 1st, 2d, 3d, 6th, 7th, 10th, and 11th amendments of the House of Representatives, and disagree to their 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th, and 12th amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the resolution (S. 16) to provide for lighting with gas the Capitol and Capitol grounds; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

Resolved, That this resolution pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had this day presented

to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills and enrolled resolutions:

H. R. 612. An act further to extend the charter of the Union Bank of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia.

H. R. 646. An act for the increase of the marine corps of the United States.

H. R. 636. An act authorizing the erection of certain light-houses, and for other purposes.

H. R. 191. An act for the relief of the Bank of the Metropolis.

H. R. 597. An act making appropriations for the support of the army and for the volunteers for the year ending 30th June, 1848.

H. R. 605. An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending 30th June, 1848.

H. R. 234. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the payment of horses or other property lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States," approved the 18th January, 1837.

H. R. 635. An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending on the 30th June, 1848.

H. R. 40. Joint resolution for the settlement of the accounts of Purser G. R. Barry.

H. R. 55. Joint resolution giving the thanks of Congress to Major Genral Taylor and the officers and men under his command in the late military operations at Monterey.

S. 72. An act for the relief of Elijah White and others.

S. 144. An act confirming the claim of the heirs and legal representatives of Pierre Dufresne to a tract of land.

S. 124. An act for the relief of the heirs of Louis de la Houssaye, deceased.

S. 104. An act giving the consent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of Virginia authorizing the levy of tolls on the James river.

S. 44. An act for the relief of William B. Keene.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 676) to establish a port of entry at Saluria, in the State of Texas, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 575) for the reduction of the costs and expenses of proceedings in admiralty against ships and vessels, with the amendment reported thereto; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, and no further amendment proposed, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

The said bill was read a third time as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The joint resolution (S. 61) to prohibit the sale at private entry of cer-

tain lands in Cincinnati, Ohio, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole: and,

On motion by Mr. Crittenden,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the resolution passed by the Senate to suspend the joint rule numbered 16, for the purpose of admitting bills and resolutions passed in either House this day being sent to the other.

The House of Representatives insist on their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate, insisted on by the Senate, to the bill (H. R. 599) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending June 30, 1848, and insist on their amendments to certain amendments of the Senate to the said bill; ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses, and have appointed Mr. McKay, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, a committee of conference on their part.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments, amended and disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 599) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending June 30, 1848: and,

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Resolved, That they agree to the conference asked by the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the committee of conference be appointed by the Vice President: and

Mr. Evans, Mr. Rusk, and Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, were accordingly appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 3, 1847.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following acts:

H. R. 638. An act to establish certain post roads.

H. R. 684. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act to carry into effect in the States of Alabama and Mississippi the existing compacts with those States with regard to the five per cent. fund, and the school reservations."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 655) making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions for the year ending 30th June, 1848.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and *found duly enrolled the following* acts:

H. R. 596. An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1848.

H. R. 648. An act for the admission of the State of Wisconsin into the Union.

The Vice President signed the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That Charles Stearns have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on the Library, to whom was referred a memorial of Lieutenant William M. Walker and others, officers who were engaged in the late exploring expedition, submitted a report, which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That the Senate take a recess this day from 4 to 6 o'clock, p. m.

Mr. Jarnagin, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Pierre Chouteau, jr., and others, legal representatives of Julien Dubuque, deceased, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 193) to confirm the title of a tract of land in the Territory of Iowa to the heirs, assignees, or legal representatives of Julien Dubuque, deceased.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Greene in relation to the compensation allowed the laborer employed in the care of the furnaces and fires; and the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Chalmers, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred a memorial of Barrett Edwards Potter, reported "that the memorial be not printed."

Mr. Chalmers, from the Committee on Printing, to whom were referred the memorial of the Irish Emigrant Society of New York, the memorial of John S. Kingsley and Joseph Pearson, and the memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of New York, reported that the same be printed.

Mr. Sevier, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 622) making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse between the United States and foreign nations, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills:

H. R. 610. An act to authorize the constituted authorities of the city of Dubuque, in the State of Iowa, to enter certain islands between the landings of said city and the main channel of the Mississippi river;

H. R. 654. An act for the relief of the citizens of Beetown, in the Territory of Wisconsin;

H. R. 369. An act creating a collection district in Maine, and constituting Bangor, in said district, a port of entry and delivery;

H. R. 175. An act for the relief of Joseph Warren Newcomb;

and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read a third time.

Resolved, That the said bills pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Dix, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 694) authorizing a register to be issued to the brig Leveret, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ashley, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 61) to prohibit the sale at private entry of certain lands in Cincinnati, Ohio, reported the same with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 569) to create an additional land district in the Territory of Wisconsin, and for other purposes, together with the amendment reported thereto; and the reported amendment having been disagreed to, and no further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion, by Mr. Davis, that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 84) to provide for continuing a certain public work in the Territory of Wisconsin, and for other purposes:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 31 / Nays, ... 9

On motion by Mr. Davis,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Badger, Breese, Cameron, Cass, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Simmons, Soulé, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bagby, Benton, Bright, Butler, Calhoun, Chalmers, Mason, Turney, Yulee.

So the Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion, by Mr. Bagby, to amend the bill by striking out the following clause:

"For the improvement of the Ohio river below the falls at Louisville, and of the Mississippi, Missouri, and Arkansas rivers, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That of this sum a sum not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars may be applied to the improvement of the Mississippi river at St. Louis, in the discretion of the Secretary of War;"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 6 / Nays, ... 38

On motion by Mr. Bagby,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bagby, Butler, Mason, Niles, Turney, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Badger, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cal-

houn, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dickinson, Dix, Evans, Fairfield, Greene, Hannegan, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Rusk, Simmons, Soulé, Sturgeon, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge.

No amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That this bill pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 571) to establish the Territorial government of Oregon.

On motion, by Mr. Evans, that it lie on the table.

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 19 / Nays, ... 20

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Bagby, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Cilley, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Upham, Webster, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Corwin, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Niles, Soulé, Sturgeon, Turney.

On motion, by Mr. Westcott, that the bill lie on the table:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 26 / Nays, ... 18

On motion by Mr. Westcott,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Bagby, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Cilley, Davis, Evans, Greene, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Mangum, Mason, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Rusk, Simmons, Soulé, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Corwin, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Johnson, of Louisiana, Niles, Sturgeon, Turney.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill lie on the table.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 67) for the relief of Francis Sommeraner; also, the bill (S. 105) making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion.

They insist on their amendments, disagreed to by the Senate, to the bill (S. 160) making provision for an additional number of general officers, ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses, and have appointed Mr. Boyd, Mr. Brinkerhoff, and Mr. Thomasson, a committee of conference on their part.

They have passed a resolution to suspend the 17th joint rule of the two houses for the remainder of the session, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the United States approved and signed, the 2d instant, the following acts:

H. R. 597. An act making appropriations for the support of the army and of volunteers for the year ending 30th June, 1848, and for other purposes.

H. R. 635. An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending June 30, 1848.

H. R. 605. An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending 30th June, 1848.

H. R. 619. An act further to extend the charter of the Union Bank of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia.

H. R. 646. An act for the increase of the marine corps of the United States.

H. R. 234. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the payment of horses or other property lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States," approved 18th January, 1837.

H. R. 191. An act for the relief of the Bank of the Metropolis.

H. R. 55. Resolution giving the thanks of Congress to Major General Taylor and the officers and men under his command in the late military operations at Monterey.

H. R. 40. Joint resolution for the settlement of the accounts of Purser G. R. Barry.

And the President of the United States this day approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 638. An act to establish certain post routes, and for other purposes.

H. R. 684. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act to carry into effect in the States of Alabama and Mississippi the existing compacts with those States with regard to the five per cent. fund and the school reservations."

H. R. 636. An act authorizing the erection of certain light-houses, and for other purposes.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, the 2d instant, the following acts:

S. 44. An act for the relief of William B. Keene.

S. 72. An act for the relief of Elijah White and others.

S. 124. An act for the relief of the heirs of Louis de la Houssaye, deceased.

S. 144. An act confirming the claim of the heirs and legal representatives of Pierre Dufresne to a tract of land.

And this day the following act:

S. 104. An act giving the consent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of Virginia authorizing the levy of tolls on the James river.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (S. 160) making provision for an additional number of general officers, and for other purposes: and,

On motion by Mr. Dix,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their disagreement to the amend-

ments of the House of Representatives to the said bill, agree to the conference asked by the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two houses, and that the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the Vice President.

Mr. Dix, Mr. Badger, and Mr. Bagby were accordingly appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion, by Mr. Hannegan, that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the engrossed resolution, on its third reading, in relation to a report of the debates and proceedings of the Senate by Dr. James A. Houston:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas, ... 25 / Nays, ... 16

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Butler, Calhoun, Chalmers, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Pearce, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Mason, Niles, Sturgeon, Turney.

The said resolution having been read a third time, as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to contract with Dr. James A. Houston to furnish full and accurate reports of the proceedings and debates of the Senate for the thirtieth Congress: *Provided*, That the cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of twelve thousand dollars for the long session and six thousand dollars for the short session; and, in the event of an extra session of said Congress, in like proportion for such extra session; to be paid out of the appropriation for the contingent expenses of the Senate: *Provided, also*, That said contractor shall employ a sufficient number of stenographers and other reporters, to enable him to furnish full and accurate reports of each day's proceedings and debates in printed form on the succeeding morning, and shall have the same neatly made up at the close of every week in quarto form for preservation; and shall furnish to each member of the Senate twenty copies of the daily and twelve copies of the weekly publication; and that he shall also send daily, by mail, a copy of the daily reports to the principal newspapers in the United States; said reports to be furnished to such of the newspapers in the city of Washington as shall print and publish the same daily, and supply the members of the Senate with twelve copies daily, and twelve copies of a weekly publication, containing the matter furnished during the week; the said paper to contain no political discussions except the debates, and to be in no way connected with any political press:

And on the question, "Shall this resolution pass?"

A motion was made by Mr. Turney that the resolution be referred to a select committee, with power to send for persons and papers: and

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas, ... 16 / Nays, ... 28

On motion by Mr. Turney,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Houston, Mason, Niles, Rusk, Sturgeon, Turney.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Archer, Badger, Berrien, Butler, Calhoun, Chalmers, Cilley, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Evans, Greene, Hannegan, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge, Yulee.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That this resolution pass.

Mr. Benton submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Senate to employ James A. Houston to report the debates of the Senate for the thirtieth Congress, and to pay him eighteen thousand dollars therefor, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded; because the said resolution was introduced and adopted without the examination of a committee, and without giving to other reporters or editors of papers any opportunity to offer to do the same work; also, because, in confining its appointment to the said Houston; and refusing to permit the names of any others to be inserted as a mere alternative choice, giving to the said Houston the extraordinary aid of $18,000 for two sessions only, the other reporters and presses, and such as the said Houston may not choose to employ, will virtually be excluded from the business of reporting and printing the Senate debates, and individual Senators will lie at the mercy of the said Houston; also, because the editors of the Daily Union and their paper are, by the terms of the resolution, and the decision of the Senate on the resolution in relation to them, virtually excluded from being employed to print the debates of the Senate; also, because the sum allowed is double the amount heretofore asked by responsible printers in Washington city; also, because Blair and Rives are now faithfully and fully reporting the debates of both houses of Congress, and for one-third of the sum (for the Senate debates) which is allowed to the said Houston; also, because the rule of requiring security for the performance of the contract has been dispensed with in the case of the said Houston, who is a new comer in this city and without any visible responsibility; also, because Blair and Rives are now under contract, and under bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars, to report the debates of the Senate fully and accurately, as revised by the speakers, and are now in the fair execution of said contract; also, because the said sum of eighteen thousand dollars cannot be taken from the contingent fund of the Senate without preventing payments from being made to persons and for objects entitled to receive it, or unless a new appropriation shall be made by the two houses of Congress.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution passed by the House of Representatives to suspend, during the remainder of the session, the 17th joint rule of the two houses: and,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 568) to establish the Territorial government of Minasota: and,

On motion by Mr. Huntington,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following acts:

H. R. 610. An act to authorize the constituted authorities of the city of Dubuque, in the State of Iowa, to enter certain islands between the landings of said city and the main channel of the Mississippi river.

H. R. 369. An act creating a collection district in Maine, and constituting Bangor, in said district, a port of entry and delivery.

H. R. 175. An act for the relief of Joseph Warren Newcomb.

H. R. 569. An act to create an additional land district in the Territory of Wisconsin, and for other purposes.

H. R. 654. An act granting the right of pre emption to the inhabitants of Beetown, in the Territory of Wisconsin.

H. R. 655. An act making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions for the year ending the 30th June, 1848.

H. R. 84. An act to provide for continuing a certain work in the Territory of Wisconsin, and for other purposes.

S. 67. An act for the relief of Francis Sommeraner.

S. 190. An act to provide for the punishment of piracy in certain cases.

S. 105. An act making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed ten enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Vice President signed the ten enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 629) to carry into effect certain provisions in the treaties between the United States and China, and the Ottoman Porte, giving certain judicial powers to ministers and consuls of the United States in those countries: and having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Evans:

On motion by Mr. Webster,

Ordered, That the bill lie on the table.

Mr. Allen submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the resolution of the 13th February last, by which the Senate expelled Thomas Ritchie from the floor of the Senate, be and it is hereby rescinded, and that the said Thomas Ritchie be, and he is hereby, restored to the full enjoyment of all the rights of which he was deprived by the passage of said resolution.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 157) relinquishing to the city of Madison, in the State of Indiana, all the right and title of the United States to certain strips of unsurveyed land lying within the limits of said city, and bordering on the Ohio river: and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Westcott, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of citizens of Florida, relating to claims to indemnity *for injuries sustained* in 1814 and 1818, in consequence of the operations

of the American army, submitted a report, accompanied by a bill (S. 194) further to carry into effect the provisions and stipulations of the 9th article of the Florida treaty, with respect to certain losses of Spanish subjects in West Florida.

The bill was read, and passed to the second reading.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Harman Blennerhasset and Joseph Lewis Blennerhasset, and from all other subjects referred to that committee and not reported on.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Noah Miller, and of all other subjects referred to that committee and not reported on.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John B. Goodenough, and of all other subjects referred to that committee and not reported on.

On motion by Mr. Pearce,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Library be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Little and Brown.

On motion by Mr. Cameron,

Ordered, That the Committee on the District of Columbia be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of J. W. Nye, and of all other subjects referred to that committee and not reported on.

On motion by Mr. Greene,

Ordered, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William Barclay.

On motion by Mr. Miller,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Nathaniel Phillips; from the further consideration of the memorials of Margaret Carmack, Thomas Ap C. Jones, and John L. Worden; and from the further consideration of the petition of Hugh Wallace Wormley.

On motion by Mr. Corwin,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Cadwallader Wallace.

On motion by Mr. Breese,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of citizens of New York in favor of a national road from the river Missouri to the Pacific ocean, and from all other subjects referred to that committee and not reported on.

SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution to suspend the 16th joint rule of the two houses, so far as relates to a bill passed by the House of Representatives (H. R. 641) entitled "An act supplemental to an act to provide for the better organization of the treasury,

and for the collection, safekeeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue, and to establish a branch mint in the city of New York:" in which resolution they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution: and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 641) entitled "An act supplemental to an act entitled 'An act to provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safekeeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue, and to establish a branch mint in the city of New York:'" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The said bill (H. R. 641) from the House of Representatives was read.

Ordered, That it pass to a second reading.

On motion that the said bill be now read a second time,

It was objected to, as against the rule.

On motion, by Mr. Bright, and by unanimous consent,

Resolved, That the 16th joint rule of the two houses be so far suspended as to authorize the sending to the House of Representatives the bill (S. 157) relinquishing to the city of Madison, in the State of Indiana, all the right and title of the United States to a certain strip of unsurveyed land lying within the limits of said city, and bordering on the Ohio river.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this resolution.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the memorial of Edward J. Forstall, in behalf of Hope and Company, of Amsterdam, and others; and, in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the memorial of E. J. Forstall, for Hope and Company, of Amsterdam, with the documents accompanying the same, and a copy of the report made thereon, be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Attorney General and Secretary of the Treasury; and that those officers be directed to examine into said case fully, and collect such authentic information as they can obtain in relation thereto, and make report on the same to the Senate on the first day of the next session of Congress.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 649) to amend the act for the better organization of the Indian department, and the act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers, approved June 30, 1844, and for other purposes; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time, as amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the resolution

of the Senate to suspend the joint rule No. 16 of the two houses, so far as relates to the bill (S. 157) relinquishing to the city of Madison, in the State of Indiana, all the right and title of the United States to a certain strip of unsurveyed land lying within the limits of said city; and bordering on the Ohio river.

They concur in the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (S. 160) making further provision for an additional number of general officers, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. Benton,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from all subjects referred to that committee and not reported on.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Indian Affairs on the memorial of David Vann and William P. Ross, delegates from the Cherokee nation; and the fourth resolution reported by the committee having been amended, was agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the United States will pay to the Cherokee nation the sum of thirty-five thousand five hundred and sixty eight dollars for the balance remaining unsold by the United States of a reservation of twelve miles square in Alabama, secured to the Cherokee nation by the treaty of 27th February, 1819, being at the rate of sixty-two and a half cents per acre.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following acts:

S. 67. An act for the relief of Francis Sommeraner.

S. 190. An act to provide for the punishment of piracy in certain cases.

S. 105. An act making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion.

Mr. Evans, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 599) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1848, and for other purposes, reported:

"That they have met the conferees on the part of the House; and, after full and free conference upon the subject of said disagreeing votes, have agreed to recommend, and do recommend to their respective houses, as follows, viz:

"That the House recede from its disagreement to the first amendment of the Senate to said bill, and agree to said amendment with an amendment, viz: leaving the original bill as it passed the House, transpose the amount added by the Senate's amendment to page 37, section 2, to read as follows, and to be inserted after the 4th line:

"'For the contingent fund of the Senate, to enable its Secretary to comply with their resolution passed February 18 and February 20, for the purchase of certain books therein named, forty-five thousand dollars.'

"That the House recede from its disagreement to the seventh amendment of the Senate, and agree to the said amendment with an amendment, viz: strike out 'the current fiscal year,' and insert 'March 1, 1847.'

"That the House recede from its disagreement to the eighth amendment of the Senate, and agree to the said amendment with an amendment, viz: before the word 'compensation,' insert 'full,' after 'four' insert 'all the work heretofore done,' and strike out 'at the rate of one hun-

dred dollars a month,' and also strike out 'at nine hundred dollars,' and add: '*Provided*, That the further prosecution of said work shall be, and hereby is discontinued and ended.'

"That the House recede from its disagreement to the eleventh amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, viz: after the word 'employed,' insert 'for one year.'

"That the Senate recede from its 12th, 22d, 35th, 40th, 41st, and 59th amendments.

"That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House to the thirteenth amendment of the Senate, and agree to said amendment.

"That the House recede from its disagreement to the fourteenth amendment of the Senate, and agree to said amendment with an amendment, viz: strike out 'the current fiscal year,' and insert 'March 1, 1847.'

"That the House recede from its disagreement to the 16th, 24th, 33d, 36th, 37th, 42d, 46th, 48th, 49th, 51st, 52d, and 56th amendments of the Senate to the said bill.

"That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House to the thirty-first amendment of the Senate, and agree to said amendment.

"That the House recede from its disagreement to the forty-seventh amendment of the Senate, and agree to said amendment with an amendment, viz: strike out 'furniture,' and insert 'articles furnished for,' and after 'custom-house' insert 'by Wentman and Wyckoff.'

"That the House recede from its disagreement to the fifty-seventh amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, viz: strike out 'for enabling the President to settle,' and insert 'for settling,' and before the word 'thirty' insert 'but exceeding.'

"That the House recede from its disagreement to the sixteenth amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, viz: strike out 'and until otherwise ordered by Congress.'"

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report: and,

Resolved, That they concur therein, and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Dix, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (S. 160) entitled "An act making provision for an additional number of general officers," reported:

"That, after a free conference with the conferees on the part of the House of Representatives on the said disagreeing votes, they have agreed to recommend:

"1st. That the Senate recede from its vote of non-concurrence with the 4th amendment of the House.

"2d. That the House recede from its vote to insist on the 5th amendment of the House.

"3d. That the House recede from its vote to insist on the 8th amendment of the House.

"4th. That the Senate recede from its vote of non-concurrence with the 9th amendment of the House.

"5th. That the Senate recede from its vote of non-concurrence with the 12th amendment of the House."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report: and,

On motion by Mr. Webster,

Resolved, That the Senate do not concur in the report.

On motion by Mr. Mangum,

Ordered, That another conference be asked of the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill last mentioned; and that the Vice President appoint the committee: and

Mr. Dix, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Badger were appointed the committee.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 575) for the reduction of the costs and expenses of proceedings in admiralty against ships and vessels.

They have passed the resolution (S. 16) for lighting with gas the Capitol and Capitol grounds.

They have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 157) relinquishing to the city of Madison, in the State of Indiana, all the right and title of the United States to a strip of unsurveyed land lying within the limits of said city, and bordering on the Ohio river.

They have passed the resolution from the Senate (S. R. 5) for the purchase of additional lands for the use of the United States armory at Harper's Ferry, with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have also passed the bill from the Senate (S. 128) providing for the building and equipment of four naval steamships, with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed a resolution from the Senate (S. R. 14) authorizing the employment of the United States ship Macedonian in transporting provisions for the famishing poor in Scotland and Ireland.

They agree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 649) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the better organization of the department of Indian affairs," and an act entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers, approved June 30, 1844, and for other purposes."

They agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 599) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending 30th June, 1848.

The resolution (S. R. 15) relating to errors and defective returns in certain surveys, plats, and field-notes, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That this resolution pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Woodbridge, and by unanimous consent,

Resolved, That the 16th joint rule be suspended so far as relates to the

joint resolution (S. R. 15) relating to errors and defective returns in certain surveys, plats, and field-notes.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the resolution (H. R. 61) to prohibit the sale at private entry of certain lands in Cincinnati, Ohio, with the amendment reported thereto; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the resolution read a third time.

The said resolution was read a third time.

Resolved, That this resolution pass, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the resolution (S. R. 5) for the purchase of additional lands for the use of the armory of the United States at Harper's Ferry: and,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Webster,

Ordered, That Henry Gardiner and others have leave to withdraw their petition and papers.

Mr. Webster presented the credentials of the honorable John Davis, elected a Senator by the legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the term of six years, commencing on the fourth day of March, 1848: which were read.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 486) for the relief of Ann Clayton: and,

On motion by Mr. Turney,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 423) for the relief of the widow and heirs of Silas Duncan, deceased: and,

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 477) for the relief of David Myerle: and,

On motion by Mr. Fairfield,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the following bills and joint resolutions as in Committee of the Whole:

H. R. 280. An act for the relief of W. P. S. Sanger and George F. de la Roche;

H. R. 279. An act for the relief of Doctor Clark Lillybridge;

H. R. 211. An act for the relief of Frederick Hopkins, of the county of Chenango, in the State of New York;

H. R. 265. An act for the relief of Zachariah Simmons, of the State of Tennessee;

H. R. 261. An act for the relief of the heirs of Sergeant Major John Champe;

H. R. 21. Joint resolution for the relief of William B. Stokes, surviving partner of John N. C. Stockton and Company;

H. R. 619. An act for the relief of James Jones, of the city of Brooklyn;

H. R. 331. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas Shields, deceased;

H. R. 424. An act for the relief of Susan Brum;

H. R. 480. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Adams;

H. R. 481. An act for the relief of Thomas N. Newell;

H. R. 482. An act for the relief of Henry La Reintree;

H. R. 503. An act for the relief of James H. Conley;

H. R. 504. An act for the relief of William T. Walthall;

H. R. 433. An act for the relief of the widow and heirs of John B. Chaudonia;

H. R. 38. Joint resolution for the relief of the children of Stephen Johnson, deceased;

H. R. 184. An act for the relief of Jacob L. Vance;

H. R. 218. An act for the relief of Josiah Haskell;

H. R. 455. An act for the benefit of James Williams;

H. R. 487. An act granting a pension to Silas Chatfield;

H. R. 465. An act for the relief of the assignees of the late Bank of Alexandria;

H. R. 694. An act authorizing a register to be issued for the brig Leveret;

H. R. 483. An act for the relief of Harvey Reynolds;

H. R. 484. An act for the relief of Catharine Stevenson;

H. R. 507. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Fitch;

H. R. 508. An act for the relief of Thankful Reynolds;

H. R. 509. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Calkins, the widow of Silas Winans;

H. R. 511. An act for the relief of Jonathan Hoyt;

H. R. 203. An act to increase the pension of Roswell Hale;

H. R. 485. An act for the relief of Edith Ramey;

H. R. 496. An act to provide for the final settlement of the accounts of John Spencer, late receiver of public moneys at Fort Wayne, Indiana;

H. R. 494. An act for the relief of John S. Stewart and others;

H. R. 497. An act for the relief of the estates of Benjamin Metoyer and François Gaiennie;

H. R. 53. Joint resolution relative to the preparation and presentation of medals to certain French, British, and Spanish officers;

H. R. 437. An act for the relief of Isaac Guess;

H. R. 474. An act for the relief of the heirs of Hyacinth Lasselle;

H. R. 257. An act for the relief of James Green, of the county of Fauquier, State of Virginia;

H. R. 441. An act for the relief of Wilfred Knott;

H. R. 460. An act for the relief of Bernard O'Neill;

H. R. 462. An act for the relief of John Pickett and others;

H. R. 517. An act for the relief of Harrison Whitson;

H. R. 247. An act for the relief of Job Hawkins;

H. R. 359. An act for the relief of John Speakman;

H. R. 495. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Lauson, deceased;

H. R. 189. An act to grant a pre-emption right to the heirs or legal representatives of John Smith T.;

H. R. 135. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of William Bunce, deceased;

H. R. 479. An act for the relief of Captain James Pennoyer;

H. R. 440. An act for the relief of William Causey;

H. R. 512. An act for the relief of John Van Slyck;

H. R. 466. An act for the relief of the administrators of Joseph Edson, deceased, late marshal of the district of Vermont;

H. R. 476. An act for the relief of Joseph Gideon;

H. R. 502. An act for the relief of Lewis C. Sartori;

H. R. 417. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of the late Joseph E. Primeau and Thomas J. Chapman;

H. R. 415. An act for the relief of George B. Russell and others;

H. R. 177. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Simon Spalding, deceased;

H. R. 43. Joint resolution for the relief of M. A. Price and E. A. White;

H. R. 419. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of James H. Clark;

H. R. 692. An act for the relief of Mary Segar, and for the relief of Elisha Denison, administrator of Phenix Carpenter Ellis: and,

no amendment being made, the said bills were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read a third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, the Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (H. R. 486) for the relief of Ann Clayton; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The resolution submitted by Mr. Rusk the 2d instant, allowing certain compensation to the officers of the Library and the two committee clerks, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and having been modified on the motion of Mr. Cameron, amended on the motion of Mr. Mangum, and further amended on the motion of Mr. Woodbridge, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the resolution be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said resolution having been engrossed, was read a third time as follows:

Resolved, That there be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate, under the direction of the committee to audit and control the same, to each of the officers and messenger of the Library of Congress, and the two committee clerks, the same amount of compensation allowed to the officers and messengers in the office of the Secretary of the Senate at the present session of Congress, and that the mail carriers of the Senate be paid the same compensation as is now paid the acting postmaster of the Senate; that there be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate to each of the laborers em-

ployed in the Capitol grounds, to the lamp-lighters, and to the keeper of the western gates of the said grounds, the sum of one hundred dollars respectively; that the Secretary of the Senate be and he is authorized to pay to Charles Metteregger the sum of one hundred dollars extra compensation.

On the question, Shall this resolution pass?

It was determined in the affirmative.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the resolution from the Senate (S. 13) to refund the money to the States which have supplied volunteers and furnished them transportation, during the present war, upon being mustered and received into the service of the United States.

They have passed the bill from the Senate (S. 188) to amend an act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes."

They disagree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 200) for the relief of the heirs of John Paul Jones.

They agree to the further conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (S. 160) making provision for an additional number of general officers, and for other purposes; and have appointed Mr. Niven, Mr. John P. Martin, and Mr. Ramsey, the committee of conference on their part.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 200) for the relief of the heirs of John Paul Jones: and,

On motion by Mr. Atchison,

Resolved, That the Senate recede from their said amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 128) providing for the building and equipment of four naval steamships: and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The following resolution, submitted by Mr. Crittenden, was read three times, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the assistant doorkeeper of the Senate be directed, when so requested by the widow of the deceased, to convey the remains of the honorable Alexander Barrow, late Senator of the United States from the State of Louisiana, from the seat of government of the United States to the residence of the family of the deceased, in that State; and that the expenses attending the conveyance be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate.

The following resolution, submitted by Mr. Sevier, was read three times, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the assistant doorkeeper of the Senate be directed, when so requested by the widow of the deceased, to convey the remains of the honorable Isaac S. Pennybacker, late Senator of the United States from the State of Virginia, from the seat of government of the United States to the residence of the deceased, in that State; and that the expenses attending the conveyance be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate.

Mr. Breese (by unanimous consent) submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid to R. P. Anderson and J. L. Clubb the same amount of compensation that is allowed to the acting postmaster of the Senate.

The said resolution was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said resolution was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

The following resolution, submitted by Mr. Crittenden, was read three times, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Senate be requested to cause the room now occupied by the Committee on Finance to be set apart and suitably prepared as an ante-chamber for the use of the members generally; and that any expense necessary in making the change be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 657) to give the consent of Congress to the sale of certain salt spring lands heretofore granted to the States of Michigan, Illinois, and Arkansas; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The President having vacated the chair, in conformity with a previous announcement,

A motion was made that the Senate proceed to the election of a President *pro tempore*, as the constitution provides: whereupon,

On motion by Mr. Webster,

Resolved, unanimously, That the honorable David R. Atchison be appointed the President of the Senate *pro tempore*.

Ordered, That the Secretary wait on the President of the United States and inform him that the Senate, in the absence of the Vice President, have chosen the honorable David R. Atchison President of the Senate *pro tempore*, and that he make a similar communication to the House of Representatives.

On motion by Mr. Chalmers,

Ordered, That two members be added, by the appointment of the President *pro tempore*, to the Committee on Enrolled Bills: and

Mr. Sturgeon and Mr. Soulé were appointed.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following acts:

H. R. 177. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Simon Spaulding, deceased.

H. R. 184. An act for the relief of Jacob L. Vance.

H. R. 185. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of William Bunce, deceased.

H. R. 203. An act to increase the pension of Roswell Hale.

H. R. 211. An act for the relief of Frederick Hopkins.

H. R. 218. An act for the relief of Josiah Haskell.

H. R. 247. An act for the relief of Job Hawkins.
H. R. 257. An act for the relief of James Green, of the county of Fauquier, State of Virginia.
H. R. 261. An act for the relief of the heirs of Sergeant Major John Champe.
H. R. 265. An act for the relief of Zachariah Simmons, of the State of Tennessee.
H. R. 279. An act for the relief of Doctor Clark Lillybridge.
H. R. 280. An act for the relief of W. P. S. Sanger and George F. de la Roche.
H. R. 331. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas Shields, deceased.
H. R. 359. An act for the relief of the heirs of John Speakman, deceased.
H. R. 415. An act for the relief of George B. Russell.
H. R. 417. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of the late Joseph E. Primeau and Thomas J. Chapman.
H. R. 419. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of James H. Clark.
H. R. 424. An act for the relief of Susan Brum.
H. R. 441. An act for the relief of Wilfred Knott.
H. R. 455. An act for the relief of James Williams.
H. R. 465. An act for the relief of the assignees of the late Bank of Alexandria.
H. R. 466. An act for the relief of the administrators of Joseph Edson, deceased, late marshal of the district of Vermont.
H. R. 474. An act for the relief of the heirs of Hyacinth Lasselle.
H. R. 476. An act for the relief of Joseph Gideon.
H. R. 479. An act for the relief of Captain James Pennoyer.
H. R. 480. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Adams.
H. R. 481. An act for the relief of Thomas M. Newell.
H. R. 482. An act for the relief of Henry La Reintree.
H. R. 483. An act for the relief of Harvey Reynolds.
H. R. 484. An act for the relief of Catharine Stevenson.
H. R. 485. An act for the relief of Edith Ramey.
H. R. 486. An act for the relief of Ann Clayton.
H. R. 487. An act granting a pension to Silas Chatfield.
H. R. 494. An act for the relief of John C. Stewart.
H. R. 496. An act to provide for the final settlement of the accounts of John Spencer, late receiver of public moneys at Fort Wayne, Indiana.
H. R. 497. An act for the relief of the estates of Benjamin Metoyer and François Gaiennie, deceased.
H. R. 502. An act for the relief of Lewis C. Sartori.
H. R. 503. An act for the relief of James H. Conley.
H. R. 504. An act for the relief of William T. Walthall.
H. R. 507. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Fitch.
H. R. 508. An act for the relief of Thankful Reynolds.
H. R. 509. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Calkins.
H. R. 511. An act for the relief of Jonathan Hoyt.
H. R. 512. An act for the relief of John Van Slyck.
H. R. 619. An act for the relief of James Jones, of the city of Brooklyn.

H. R. 692. An act for the relief of Mary Segar, and for the relief of Elisha Denison, administrator of Phenix Carpenter Ellis.

H. R. 694. An act authorizing a register to be issued to the brig Leveret.

H. R. 53. Resolution relative to the preparation and presentation of medals to certain French, British, and Spanish officers.

S. 67. An act for the relief of Francis Sommeraner.

S. 105. An act making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion.

S. 128. An act providing for the building and equipment of four naval steamships.

S. 157. An act relinquishing to the city of Madison, in the State of Indiana, all the right and title of the United States to a certain strip of unsurveyed land lying within the limits of said city, and bordering on the Ohio river.

S. 188. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes."

S. 190. An act to provide for the punishment of piracy in certain cases.

S. 5. Resolution concerning the purchase of additional lands for the use of the United States armories at Harper's Ferry and Springfield.

S. 13. Resolution to refund money to the States which have supplied volunteers and furnished them transportation during the present war before being mustered and received into the service of the United States.

S. 14. Resolution authorizing the employment of the United States ships Macedonian and Jamestown in transporting provisions for the famishing poor in Ireland and Scotland.

S. 16. Resolution for lighting with gas the Capitol and Capitol grounds.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed fifty-eight enrolled bills and resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The President pro tempore signed the fifty-eight enrolled bills and resolutions last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had presented to the President of the United States the fifty-eight enrolled bills and resolutions last reported to have been examined.

Mr. Dix, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the further conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (S. 160) "making further provision for an additional number of general officers, and for other purposes," reported that they have met the conferees on the part of the House; and, after full and free conference upon said disagreeing votes, have agreed to recommend, and do recommend to the respective houses as follows, to wit:

"That the House recede from its fourth, fifth, eighth, and ninth amendments to the said bill.

"That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the twelfth amendment of the House to said bill, and agree to the same with an amendment, to wit: add at the end thereof, 'except the officers of the ordnance, authorized by the 16th section, and the two companies to each regiment of artillery, authorized by the 18th section of this act.'"

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report: and,

Resolved, That they concur therein, and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Mr. Davis presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of Massachusetts, declaring the existence of human slavery within the limits of the United States to be a great calamity and a moral and political evil, which ought to be abolished as soon as it can be properly and constitutionally attained; that the people of Massachusetts will resist the annexation of any new territory to this Union in which the institution of slavery is to be tolerated; and protesting against the acquisition of any additional territory without a provision by Congress that there shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in such territory, otherwise than for the punishment of crime.

The said resolutions were read.

Ordered, That they be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendment of the Senate to the resolution (H. R. 61) to prohibit the sale at private entry of certain lands in Cincinnati, Ohio.

They concur in the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (S. 160) making provision for an additional number of general officers, and for other purposes.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and two enrolled resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The President pro tempore signed the following enrolled bills and enrolled resolutions:

H. R. 189. An act to grant a pre-emption right to the heirs and legal representatives of John Smith T.

H. R. 575. An act for the reduction of the costs and expenses of proceedings in admiralty against ships and vessels.

H. R. 462. An act for the relief of John Pickett and others.

H. R. 437. An act for the relief of Isaac Guess.

H. R. 440. An act for the relief of William Causey.

H. R. 517. An act for the relief of Harrison Whitson.

H. R. 460. An act for the relief of Bernard O'Neill.

H. R. 200. An act for the relief of the heirs of John Paul Jones.

H. R. 599. An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending June 30, 1848.

H. R. 43. Resolution for the relief of M. A. Price and E. A. White.

H. R. 38. Resolution for the relief of the children of Stephen Johnson, deceased.

H. R. 61. Resolution to prohibit the sale at private entry of certain lands in Cincinnati, Ohio.

H. R. 16. Resolution for the relief of William B. Stokes, surviving partner of John N. C. Stockton and Company.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had presented to the President of the United States the following acts:

H. R. 84. An act to provide for continuing a certain work in the Territory of Wisconsin, and for other purposes.

H. R. 175. An act for the relief of Joseph Warren Newcomb.

H. R. 369. An act creating a collection district in Maine, and constituting Bangor, in said district, a port of entry and delivery.

H. R. 569. An act to create an additional land district in the Territory of Wisconsin, and for other purposes.

H. R. 596. An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1848.

H. R. 610. An act to authorize the constituted authorities of the city of Dubuque, in the State of Iowa, to enter certain islands between the landings of said city and the main channel of the Mississippi river.

H. R. 648. An act for the admission of the State of Wisconsin into the Union.

H. R. 654. An act granting the right of pre-emption to the inhabitants of Beetown, in the Territory of Wisconsin.

H. R. 655. An act making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions for the year ending the 30th June, 1848.

Mr. Bright reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following acts:

S. 160. An act making provision for an additional number of general officers, and for other purposes.

H. R. 657. An act to give the assent of Congress to the sale of certain salt spring lands heretofore granted to the States of Michigan, Illinois, and Arkansas.

H. R. 676. An act to establish a port of entry at Saluria, in the State of Texas, and for other purposes.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed three enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The President pro tempore signed the three enrolled bills (S. 160, H. R. 657 and 676) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Rusk,

Ordered, That Bryant Callaghan have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Upham,

Ordered, That Abigail Garland have leave to withdraw her petition and papers.

Mr. Woodbridge presented the memorial of Alexander G. Abell, praying to be allowed compensation for his time in going to and returning from the Sandwich Islands, for which place he was appointed consul of the United States, and the reimbursement of expenses thereby incurred.

On motion by Mr. Woodbridge,

Ordered, That the memorial be printed.

Mr. Houston presented the petition of William G. Banks, praying indemnity for the illegal capture of a vessel and cargo by a French privateer anterior to 1800.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 184. An act for the relief of Jacob L. Vance.

H. R. 502. An act for the relief of Lewis C. Sartori.
H. R. 257. An act for the relief of James Green, of the county of Fauquier, State of Virginia.
H. R. 415. An act for the relief of George B. Russell and others.
H. R. 247. An act for the relief of Job Hawkins.
H. R. 476. An act for the relief of Joseph Gideon.
H. R. 479. An act for the relief of Captain James Pennoyer.
H. R. 466. An act for the relief of the administrator of Joseph Edson, deceased, late marshal of the district of Vermont.
H. R. 508. An act for the relief of Thankful Reynolds.
H. R. 474. An act for the relief of the heirs of Hyacinth Lasselle.
H. R. 497. An act for the relief of the estates of Benjamin Metoyer and François Gaiennie, deceased.
H. R. 177. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Simon Spaulding, deceased.
H. R. 487. An act granting a pension to Silas Chatfield.
H. R. 465. An act for the relief of the assignees of the late Bank of Alexandria.
H. R. 203. An act to increase the pension of Roswell Hale.
H. R. 496. An act to provide for the final settlement of the accounts of John Spencer, late receiver of public moneys at Fort Wayne, Indiana.
H. R. 694. An act authorizing a register to be issued to the brig Leveret.
H. R. 460. An act for the relief of Bernard O'Neill.
H. R. 495. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Lauson, deceased.
H. R. 462. An act for the relief of John Pickett and others.
H. R. 437. An act for the relief of Isaac Guess.
H. R. 575. An act for the reduction of the costs and expenses of proceedings in admiralty against ships and vessels.
H. R. 517. An act for the relief of Harrison Whitson.
H. R. 189. An act to grant a pre-emption right to the heirs or legal representatives of John Smith T.
H. R. 440. An act for the relief of William Causey.
H. R. 649. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the better organization of the department of Indian affairs," and an act entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers, approved June 30, 1834, and for other purposes."
H. R. 657. An act to give the consent of Congress to the sale of certain salt spring lands heretofore granted to the States of Michigan, Illinois, and Arkansas.
H. R. 218. An act for the relief of ~~Josiah~~ Haskell.
H. R. 619. An act for the relief of James Jones, of the city of Brooklyn.
H. R. 455. An act for the relief of James Williams.
H. R. 424. An act for the relief of Susan Brum.
H. R. 480. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Adams.
H. R. 481. An act for the relief of Thomas M. Newell.
H. R. 265. An act for the relief of Zachariah Simmons, of the State of Tennessee.
H. R. 512. An act for the relief of John Van Slyck.
H. R. 359. An act for the relief of John Speakman.

H. R. 331. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas Shields.

H. R. 419. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of James H. Clark.

H. R. 279. An act for the relief of Doctor Clark Lillybridge.

H. R. 211. An act for the relief of Frederick Hopkins, of the county of Chenango, in the State of New York.

H. R. 484. An act for the relief of Catharine Stevenson.

H. R. 482. An act for the relief of Henry La Reintree.

H. R. 261. An act for the relief of the heirs of Sergeant Major John Champe.

H. R. 511. An act for the relief of Jonathan Hoyt.

H. R. 485. An act for the relief of Edith Ramey.

H. R. 504. An act for the relief of William T. Walthall.

H. R. 507. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Fitch.

H. R. 441. An act for the relief of Wilfred Knott.

H. R. 509. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Calkins, the widow of Silas Winans.

H. R. 483. An act for the relief of Harvey Reynolds.

H. R. 494. An act for the relief of John C. Stewart and others.

H. R. 486. An act for the relief of Ann Clayton.

H. R. 692. An act for the relief of Mary Segar, and for the relief of Elisha Denison, administrator of Phenix Carpenter Ellis.

H. R. 280. An act for the relief of W. P. S. Sanger and George F. de la Roche.

H. R. 433. An act for the relief of the widow and heirs of John B. Chaudonia.

H. R. 503. An act for the relief of James H. Conley.

H. R. 185. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of William Bunce, deceased.

H. R. 417. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of the late Joseph E. Primeau and Thomas J. Chapman.

H. R. 599. An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending June 30, 1848.

H. R. 53. Resolution relative to the preparation and presentation of medals to certain French, British, and Spanish officers.

H. R. 43. Resolution for the relief of M. A. Price and E. A. White.

H. R. 38. Resolution for the relief of the children of Stephen Johnson, deceased.

H. R. 16. Resolution to prohibit the sale at private entry of certain lands in Cincinnati, Ohio.

H. R. 61. Resolution for the relief of William B. Stokes, surviving partner of John N. C. Stockton and Company.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following enrolled bills and resolutions, which originated in the Senate:

S. 157. An act relinquishing to the city of Madison, in the State of Indiana, all the right and title of the United States to a certain strip of unsurveyed land lying within the limits of said city, and bordering on the Ohio river.

S. 128. An act providing for the building and equipment of four naval steamships.

S. 188. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes."

S. 160. An act making provision for an additional number of general officers, and for other purposes.

S. 16. Resolution for lighting with gas the Capitol and Capitol grounds.

S. 13. Resolution to refund moneys to the States which have supplied volunteers and furnished them transportation, during the present war, before being mustered and received into the service of the United States.

S. 5. Resolution concerning the purchase of additional lands for the use of the United States armories at Harper's Ferry and Springfield.

S. 14. Resolution authorizing the employment of the United States ships Macedonian and Jamestown in transporting provisions for the famishing poor of Ireland and Scotland.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. French, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution for the appointment of a committee, to join such committee as may be appointed by the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States and notify him that unless he may have other communications to make, the two houses of Congress, having finished the business before them, are ready to close the present session by an adjournment, and have appointed Mr. Andrew Johnson, Mr. Thomasson, and Mr. Johnson, of New Hampshire, the committee on their part.

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives, having completed the business before them, are now ready to adjourn.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution from the House of Representatives for the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that unless he may have other communications to make, the two houses of Congress are ready to close the present session by an adjournment: and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore: and

Mr. Breese, Mr. Huntington, and Mr. Houston were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Sevier,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives to notify the House that the Senate, having finished the business before them, are now ready to adjourn.

Mr. Breese, from the committee appointed on the part of the Senate to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that unless he may have other communications to make, the two houses of Congress are ready to adjourn, reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and that the President replied that he had no further communication to make.

Mr. Davis submitted the following resolution; which was considered, and unanimously agreed to:

Resolved, That the Senate tender to the honorable Mr. Atchison their

thanks for the ability and impartiality with which he has, during the present session, discharged the duties of President of the Senate pro tempore.

Whereupon,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned *sine die*.

APPENDIX.

LIST OF ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS

Passed during the second session of the twenty-ninth Congress.

PUBLIC ACTS.

An act to establish a land office in the northern part of the State of Michigan, and to provide for the sale of mineral lands in the State of Michigan.

An act giving the assent of Congress to certain States to impose a tax upon all lands hereafter sold by the United States therein from and after the day of such sale.

An act to encourage inlistments in the regular army.

An act giving the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of Virginia authorizing the levy of tolls on the James river.

An act making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion.

And act to regulate the exercise of the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States in certain cases, and for other purposes.

An act providing for the building and equipment of four naval steamships.

An act to establish a court at Key West, in the State of Florida, and for other purposes.

An act to change the time of holding one of the terms of the circuit court of the United States for the district of North Carolina.

An act relinquishing to the city of Madison, in the State of Indiana, all the right and title of the United States to a certain strip of unsurveyed land lying within the limits of said city, and bordering on the Ohio river.

An act in addition to an act to establish a court at Key West, in the State of Florida.

An act to regulate the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels," and to determine the time when said act shall take effect.

An act to raise for a limited time an additional military force, and for other purposes.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to raise for a limited time an additional military force, and for other purposes."

An act to provide for the punishment of piracy in certain cases.

An act to provide for continuing a certain public work in the Territory of Wisconsin, and for other purposes.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the payment of

horses or other property lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States," approved the 18th day of January, 1837.

An act creating a collection district in Maine, and constituting Bangor, in said district, a port of entry and delivery.

An act for the admission of the State of Iowa into the Union.

An act to create an additional land district in the Territory of Wisconsin, and for other purposes.

An act for the reduction of the costs and expenses of proceedings in admiralty against ships and vessels.

An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1848.

An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1848.

An act making appropriations for the support of the army and of volunteers for the year ending the 30th of June, 1848, and for other purposes.

An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1848, and for other purposes.

An act to authorize the issue of treasury notes, a loan, and for other purposes.

An act to provide for the establishment of additional post routes in the State of Texas.

An act making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1848.

An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending on the 30th of June, 1848.

An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1848.

An act to establish certain post routes, and for other purposes.

An act for increasing the marine corps of the United States.

An act for the admission of the State of Wisconsin into the Union.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the better organization of the department of Indian affairs," and an act entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers," approved 30th June, 1834, and for other purposes.

An act making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions for the year ending June 30, 1848.

An act giving the assent of Congress to the sale of certain salt spring lands heretofore granted to the States of Michigan, Illinois, and Arkansas.

An act to establish a port of entry at Saluria, in the State of Texas, and for other purposes.

An act making provision for an additional number of general officers, and for other purposes.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act to carry into effect in the States of Alabama and Mississippi the existing compacts with those States with regard to the five per cent. fund and the school reservations."

An act to amend the act entitled "An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the revenues of the Post Office Department," passed March 3, 1845.

An act to provide for the payment of any interest falling due on the public debt.

An act authorizing the erection of certain light-houses, and for other purposes.

A joint resolution concerning the purchase of additional lands for the use of the United States armories at Harper's Ferry and Springfield.

A joint resolution respecting the maps and charts of the surveys of the boundary lines of the United States of America with foreign states.

A joint resolution to refund money to the States which have supplied volunteers, and furnished them transportation, during the present war, before being mustered and received into the service of the United States.

A joint resolution for lighting with gas the Capitol and Capitol grounds.

A joint resolution authorizing the employment of the United States ships Macedonian and Jamestown in transporting provisions for the famishing poor in Ireland and Scotland.

A joint resolution relative to the preparation and presentation of medals to certain French, British, and Spanish officers.

A joint resolution of thanks to Major-General Zachary Taylor, the officers and soldiers under his command, for their conduct in storming the city of Monterey.

PRIVATE ACTS.

An act granting a pension to Joseph Morrison.

An act for the relief of Thomas Brownell.

An act for the relief of John Stockton, late a lieutenant in the army of the United States.

An act for the relief of William B. Keene.

An act to extend the time for selling the lands granted to the Kentucky asylum for teaching the deaf and dumb.

An act for the relief of George Gordon.

An act for the relief of Francis Sommeraner.

An act for the relief of Peter Frost.

An act for the relief of Elijah White and others.

An act for the relief of Thomas Blanchard.

An act for the relief of Hobson Johns.

An act for the relief of George Roush.

An act to authorize the issuing of a new register for the American barque Pons, of Philadelphia, by the name of the Cordelia.

An act for the relief of Andrew Moore.

An act for the relief of the heirs of Louis De la Houssaye, deceased.

An act to authorize the issuing of a register to the brigantine Ocean Queen.

An act confirming the claim of the heirs and legal representatives of Pierre Dufresne to a tract of land.

An act for the relief of James S. Conway.

An act to grant a right of pre-emption to Philip F. Dering and Robert H. Champion to a tract of mineral land.

An act for the relief of Joseph Warren Newcomb.

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Simon Spaulding, deceased.

An act for the relief of Jacob L. Vance.

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of William Bunce, deceased.

An act to grant a pre-emption right to the heirs or legal representatives of John Smith T.

An act for the relief of the Bank of the Metropolis.

An act to increase the pension of Roswell Hale.

An act for the relief of Joshua Shaw.

An act for the relief of Frederick Hopkins, of the county of Chenango, in the State of New York.

An act for the relief of Josiah Haskell.

An act for the relief of Job Hawkins.

An act for the relief of James Green, of the county of Fauquier, State of Virginia.

An act for the relief of the heirs of Sergeant Major John Champe.

An act for the relief of Zachariah Simmons, of the State of Tennessee.

An act for the relief of John Speakman.

An act for the relief of Doctor Clark Lillybridge.

An act for the relief of W. P. S. Sanger and George F. De la Roche.

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas Shields, deceased.

An act for the relief of Elisha Eldred, Julius Eldred, and Francis E. Eldred, for expenses and services in removing the copper rock from lake Superior.

An act for the relief of George B. Russell and others.

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of the late Joseph E. Primeau and Thomas J. Chapman.

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of James H. Clark.

An act for the relief of Susan Brum.

An act for the relief of the widow and heirs of John B. Chaudonia.

An act for the relief of Isaac Guess.

An act for the relief of William Causey.

An act for the relief of Wilfred Knott.

An act for the benefit of James Williams.

An act for the relief of Bernard O'Neill.

An act for the relief of John Pickett and others.

An act for the relief of the administrators of Joseph Edson, deceased, late marshal of the district of Vermont.

An act for the relief of the assignees of the late Bank of Alexandria.

An act for the relief of the heirs of Hyacinth Lasselle.

An act for the relief of Joseph Gideon.

An act for the relief of Captain James Pennoyer.

An act for the relief of Elizabeth Adams.

An act for the relief of Thomas N. Newell.

An act for the relief of Henry La Reintree.

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An act for the relief of Catharine Stevenson.

An act for the relief of Edith Ramey.

An act for the relief of Ann Clayton.

An act for the relief of Silas Chatfield.

An act for the relief of John C. Stewart and others.

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Lawson, deceased.

An act to provide for the settlement of the accounts of John Spencer, late receiver of public moneys at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

An act for the relief of the estates of Benjamin Metoyer and François Gaiennie, deceased.

An act for the relief of Lewis C. Sartori.

An act for the relief of James H. Conley.

An act for the relief of William T. Walthall.

An act for the relief of Elizabeth Fitch.

An act for the relief of Thankful Reynolds.

An act for the relief of Elizabeth Calkins, the widow of Silas Winans.

An act for the relief of Jonathan Hoyt.

An act for the relief of John Van Slyck.

An act for the relief of Harrison Whitson.

An act granting a pension to Patrick Kelly.

An act to authorize the constituted authorities of the city of Dubuque, in the State of Iowa, to enter certain islands between the landings of said city and the main channel of the Mississippi river.

An act further to extend the charter of the Union Bank of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia.

An act for the relief of James Jones, of the city of Brooklyn.

An act for the relief of the citizens of Beetown, in the Territory of Wisconsin.

An act authorizing the issue of a new register to the brig "Leveret."

An act for the relief of Ray Tompkins and others, the children and heirs-at-law of the late Daniel D. Tompkins.

An act for the relief of Mary Segar, and for the relief of Elisha Denison, administrator of Phenix Carpenter Ellis.

A joint resolution to correct an error in the act of June 17, 1844, for the relief of Mary Ann Linton.

A joint resolution authorizing and directing the examination and settlement of the claims of Alexander M. Cumming.

A joint resolution for the relief of William B. Stokes, surviving partner of John N. C. Stockton and Company.

A joint resolution for the relief of the children of Stephen Johnston, deceased.

A joint resolution for the settlement of the accounts of Purser G. R. Barry.

A joint resolution for the relief of M. A. Price and E. A. White.

A joint resolution for the relief of John and Charles Bruce.

A joint resolution to prohibit the sale at private entry of certain lands in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Senators of the United States whose seats will be vacant in—

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Mr. Allen, of Ohio.	Mr. Benton, of Mo.	Mr. Ashley, of Ark.
Atchison, of Mo.	Bright, of Ind.	Bradbury, of Me.
Atherton, of N. H.	Cass, of Mich.	Calhoun, of S. C.
Badger, of N. C.	J. M. Clayton, of Del.	Clarke, of R. I.
Bagby, of Alabama.	Corwin, of Ohio.	Davis, of Mass.
Breese, of Illinois.	Dayton, of N. J.	Douglas, of Illinois.
Butler, of S. C.	Dickinson, of N. Y.	Downes, of La.
Cameron, of Penn.	Fairfield, of Maine.	Felch, of Mich.
Colquitt, of Ga.	Greene, of R. I.	Foote, of Miss.
Crittenden, of Ky.	Huntington, of Con.	Hale, of N. H.
Dix, of New York.	Johnson, of Md.	Hunter, of Va.
Hannegan, of Ind.	Mason, of Virginia.	Mangum, of N. C.
Johnson, of La.	Phelps, of Vermont.	Miller, of N. J.
Niles, of Conn.	Rusk, of Texas.	Spruance, of Del.
Pearce, of Md.	Speight, of Miss.	Underwood, of Ky.
Sevier, of Ark.	Sturgeon, of Penn.	Alabama, 1 vacant.
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132	A bill to separate the staff of the marine corps from the line.	155					
133	A bill for the relief of Robert M. Harrison	158	208	208			
134	A bill to compensate John M. Moore -	158	186				
135	A bill for the relief of Creed Taylor -	159	208	208			
136	A bill for the relief of the heirs of Jethro Wood.	159	208, (211, 229, 234.)	208 211			
137	A bill to exempt certain articles imported by literary institutions from the payment of duty.	161	214	214			
138	A bill for the relief of General Robert Armstrong.	164	185, 208				
139	A bill reviving certain naval pensions for the term of five years.	165	194	194			
140	A bill to authorize the issuing of a register to the brigantine Ocean Queen.	165	208	208	224	225	234
141	A bill for the relief of John Bronson -	165	208	208			
142	A bill for the relief of Pearson Cogswell	169	208	208			
143	A bill for the relief of Frederick Dawson, James Schott, and Elisha D. Whitney.	169					
144	A bill confirming the claim of the heirs and legal representatives of Pierre Dufresne to a tract of land.	169	207	207	248	254, 257, 266	271
145	A bill for the relief of Joseph Watson -	171	204, 208	208			
146	A bill granting a pension to Abigail Garland, widow of Jacob Garland, deceased.	171	208	208			
147	A bill to establish a court at Key West, in the State of Florida.	172	186	186	209	219, 220	222
148	A bill to amend the act entitled "An act extending the jurisdiction of the district courts to certain cases upon the lakes and navigable waters connecting the same," approved 26th February, 1845.	172	213				
149	A bill for the relief of James S. Conway	172	208	208	224	225	234

SENATE BILLS—Continued.

Number.	Title.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Passed H. R.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
150	A bill for the relief of James F. Sothoron	172	208	208			
151	A bill to change the time of holding one of the terms of the circuit courts of the United States for the district of North Carolina.	172	172	172	185	188, 194	194
152	A bill supplemental to the act passed the 9th day of July, in the year 1846, entitled "An act to retrocede the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, to the State of Virginia."	173	204	216			
153	A bill for the relief of the heirs of Andrew D. Crosby.	175	208	208			
154	A bill for the relief of William A. Christian.	175	208	208			
155	A bill to grant a right of pre-emption to Philip F. Dering and Robert H. Champion to a tract of mineral land.	178	208	208	224	225	234
156	A bill to provide for the ascertainment and satisfaction of claims of American citizens for spoliations committed by the French prior to the 31st of July, 1801.	181					
157	A bill relinquishing to the city of Madison, in the State of Indiana, all the right and title of the United States to a strip of unsurveyed land lying within the limits of said city, and bordering on the Ohio river.	186	214 (276, 277)	274	279	286	290
158	A bill making an appropriation for removing obstructions in the Savannah river.	193					
159	A bill to authorize the regents of the Smithsonian Institution to purchase for the use of said institution, of the corporation of Washington, the City Hall, and for other purposes.	193					
160	A bill making provision for an additional number of general officers, and for other purposes.	196	216, 219	222		249, 265, 270, 271, 277, 278, 283, 286, 287, 288	291
161	A bill confirming to the corporation of Fernandina a lot of ground used as a public burial ground.	196					
162	A bill to extend a patent heretofore granted to Bancroft Woodcock.	199					
163	A bill to provide for additional examining clerks in the Patent Office, and for additional fees in certain cases.	205					
164	A bill for the relief of Oliver C. Harris -	205					
165	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of the late Uri Emmons, deceased.	205					
166	A bill in addition to an act to establish a court at Key West, in the State of Florida.	205	205	205	215	219, 220	222
167	A bill for the relief of Calvin Emmons -	205					
168	A bill for the relief of Ann B. Cox -	211					
169	A bill for the relief of Elisha L. Keen -	211					
170	A bill to authorize a term of the circuit and district courts of the district of Illinois.	211	214				

SENATE BILLS—Continued

Number.	Title.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Passed H. R.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
71	A bill for the relief of William H. Prentiss	213					
72	A bill making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending 30th June, 1848.	213	244	244			
73	A bill for the relief of James Pennoyer -	214					
74	A bill for the relief of Hola-to-Amathla, and other Seminole warriors.	214					
75	A bill for the relief of David N. Smith -	214					
76	A bill to authorize the relinquishment of the 16th section in certain cases, and the selection of other lands in lieu thereof, in the State of Louisiana.	218					
77	A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels," and to determine the time when said act shall take effect.	221	221	221	223	228, 237, 244 245, 248, 254	257
78	A bill to provide for the purchase of the manuscript papers of the late James Madison, former President of the United States. (*Amended—see page* 229.)	221	229				
79	A bill for the relief of Monmouth B. Hart, Joel Kelly, and William Close, sureties of the late Benjamin Hart.	223					
80	A bill for the relief of Edward Bolon -	223					
81	A bill for the relief of Bryan Callaghan -	223					
82	A bill to regulate appeals from the trial of issues in the District of Columbia.	223					
83	A bill to refund to the legal representative of Thomas Cooper a fine imposed under the sedition law.	228					
84	A bill to provide some relief for the suffering people of Ireland and Scotland.	233	241, 243	243			
85	A bill to authorize the issuing of a register to the brig Leveret.	236					
86	A bill to authorize the issuing of a register to the barque Canton.	236					
87	A bill for the relief of Nathaniel Hoggatt	236					
88	A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to raise for a limited time an additional military force, and for other purposes."	236	245	245	283	286	291
89	A bill providing for the surrender of certain bonds of the State of Indiana held by the United States.	236					
90	A bill respecting the location of the lands in the State of Florida granted by the United States to that State for different objects, and for other purposes.	246					
191	A bill to provide for the punishment of piracy in certain cases.	251	251	251	260	274 (286)	277
192	A bill for the relief of John P. Baldwin -	263					
193	A bill to confirm the title of a tract of land in the Territory of Iowa to the heirs, assignees, or legal representatives of Julien Dubuque, deceased.	268					
194	A bill to carry into effect the provisions and stipulations of the 9th article of the Florida treaty, with respect to certain losses of Spanish subjects in West Florida.	275					

RESOLUTIONS OF THE SENATE.

Number.	Title.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Passed H. R.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
1	Resolution in favor of David Shaw and Solomon T. Corser.	52	69	167			
2	Resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States in relation to the judicial power.	64	70, 116				
3	Resolution explanatory of an act for the relief of Mary Ann Linton. (*Amended—see page* 207.)	69	149, 207	207	224	225	234
4	Resolution for the relief of William H. Thomas.	72	84				
5	Resolution concerning the purchase of additional lands for the use of the armory of the United States at Harper's Ferry.	81	113, 207	207	279	280, 286	291
6	Resolution for the relief of Orlando Saltmarsh and William Fuller.	83	167	167			
7	Resolution authorizing the erection on the public grounds in the city of Washington of a monument to George Washington.	133	194				
8	Resolution providing for transporting mails to and from the army in Mexico.	137					
9	Resolution of thanks to General Z. Taylor and the army under his command.	149	163				
10	Resolution respecting the maps and charts of the surveys of the boundary lines of the United States of America with foreign states.	149	161	176	232	236, 244	250
11	Resolution for the benefit of John Devlin	168	208	208			
12	Resolution for the relief of Caleb Green	171	206	206			
13	Resolution to refund money to the States which have supplied volunteers, and furnished them transportation during the present war before being mustered and received into the service of the United States.	221	246	246	283	286	291
14	Resolution authorizing the employment of the United States ship Macedonian in transporting provisions for the famishing poor in Ireland and Scotland. (*Amended—see page* 256.)	228	255	255	279	286	291
15	Resolution relating to errors and defective returns in certain surveys, plats, and field-notes.	235	279, (280)	279			
16	Resolution for lighting with gas the Capitol and Capitol grounds.	249	265	265	279	280, 286	291

BILLS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Title.	Received from the House.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
A bill to provide for continuing a certain public work in the Territory of Wisconsin, and for other purposes.	218	221	223, 269	269	274, 287	
A bill for the relief of Joseph Warren Newcomb.	61	62	211	268	274, 287	
A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Simon Spaulding, deceased.	215	215	228, 282	282	284	289
A bill for the relief of Jacob L. Vance -	61	62	145	281	284	288
A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of William Bunce, deceased.	218	218	282	282	284	290
A bill to grant a pre-emption right to the heirs or legal representatives of John Smith T.	215	215	215	181	287	289
A bill for the relief of the Bank of the Metropolis.	215	215	246	246	251, 253, 266	271
A bill for the relief of Ray Tompkins and others, the children and heirs-at-law of the late Daniel D. Tompkins - -	212	212	212	212	215, (244)	225
A bill for the relief of the heirs of John Paul Jones.	215	216	237	237	283, 287	
A bill to increase the pension of Roswell Hale.	61	62	165	281	284	289
A bill for the relief of Joshua Shaw -	61	62	105	201	211, 212	218
A bill for the relief of Frederick Hopkins, of the county of Chenango, in the State of New York.	61	62	103	280	284	290
A bill for the relief of Josiah Haskell -	61	62	145	281	284	289
A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the payment of horses or other property lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States," approved the 18th May, 1837.	224	228	232	254	256, 257, 266	271
A bill for the relief of Alvin C. Goell, and for other purposes.	129	133	133			
A bill for the relief of Job Hopkins -	61	62	193	281	285	289
A bill for the relief of the heirs of John Whitsitt, deceased, late of Lafayette county, Missouri.						
A bill for the relief of William J. Price -	61	62				
A bill for the relief of Joseph and Lindsay Ward, of Wisconsin Territory.	61	62				
A bill for the relief of James Green, of the county of Fauquier, State of Virginia.	129	133	133, 193	281	285	289
A bill for the relief of the heirs of Sergeant Major John Champe.	61	62	105	280	285	290
A bill for the relief of Zachariah Simmons, of the State of Tennessee.	61	62	103	280	285	289
A bill for the relief of Doctor Clark Lillybridge.	61	62	99	280	285	290
A bill for the relief of W. P. S. Sanger and George F. De la Roche.	61	62	95	280	285	290
A bill to repeal the 20th and part of the 31st section of the act to change the organization of the Post Office Department, and to provide more effectually for the settlement of the accounts thereof, approved July 2, 1836.	218	221				
A bill concerning certain collection districts, and for other purposes.	198	200	235			

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Number.	Title.	Received from the House.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
313	A bill for the relief of the heirs of General Thomas Sumpter, late of South Carolina, deceased.	61	62				
331	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas Shields, deceased.	61	62	141	281	285	
359	A bill for the relief of John Speakman -	61	62	205	281	285	289
369	A bill creating a collection district in Maine, and constituting Bangor, in said district, a port of entry and delivery.	218	221	235	268	274, 288	
387	A bill extending the privileges granted by the 7th section of the act of March 3, 1843, to the town of Whitehall, in the State of New York.	219	221	235			
404	A bill for the relief of Julius Eldred, Elisha Eldred, and Francis E. Eldred, for expenses and services in removing the copper rock from lake Superior.	61	62	67, 110	120	124, 129, 132	158
412	A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Converse, widow of Josiah Converse.	215	215				
415	A bill for the relief of George B. Russell, and others.	129	133	133, 227	282	285	289
417	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of the late Joseph E. Primeau and Thomas J. Chapman.	215	215	227	282	285	290
419	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of James H. Clark.	215	216	235	282	285	290
428	A bill for the relief of the widow and heirs of the late Silas Duncan, deceased.	215	216	221, 280			
424	A bill for the relief of Susan Brum -	129	133	133, 141	281	285	289
429	A bill for the relief of the heirs of Gassaway Watkins, an officer of the Maryland continental line in the war of the Revolution.	129	133	133			
433	A bill for the relief of the widow and heirs of John B. Chaudonia.	129	133	145	281		290
437	A bill for the relief of Isaac Guess -	129	133	133, 181	281	287	289
440	A bill for the relief of William Causey -	129	133	133, 218, 282	282	287	289
441	A bill for the relief of Wilfred Knott -	130	133	133, 193	281	285	
442	A bill in addition to and amendment of the several acts to promote the progress of the useful arts.	232	233	246			
456	A bill for the relief of James Williams -	130	133	133, 145	281	285	289
460	A bill for the relief of Bernard O'Neill -	130	133	133, 193	281	287	289
462	A bill for the relief of John Pitkett and others.	130	133	133, 193	281	287	289
465	A bill for the relief of the assignees of the late Bank of Alexandria.	130	132	133, 161	281	285	289
466	A bill for the relief of the administrators of Joseph Edson, deceased, late marshal of the district of Vermont.	130	133	133, 221	282	285	289
474	A bill for the relief of Hyacinth Lasselle	130	133	133, 181	281	285	289
476	A bill for the relief of Joseph Gideon -	215	216	221	282	285	289
477	A bill for the relief of David Myerle -	215	216	235, 280			
479	A bill for the relief of Captain James Pennoyer.	215	216	282	282	285	289
480	A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Adams -	130	133	133, 141	281	285	289
481	A bill for the relief of Thos. A. Newell -	130	133	133, 141	281	285	289
482	A bill for the relief of Henry La Reintree	130	133	133, 141	281	285	290
483	*A bill* for the relief of Harvey Reynolds	130	133	133, 165	281	285	290

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Number.	Title.	Received from the House.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
484	A bill for the relief of Catharine Stevenson.	130	133	133, 165	281	285	290
485	A bill for the relief of Edith Ramey -	130	133	133, 165	281	285	290
486	A bill for the relief of Ann Clayton -	130	133	133, 165, 280	282	285	290
487	A bill granting a pension to Silas Chatfield.	130	133	133, 159	281	285	289
494	A bill for the relief of John C. Stewart and others.	130	133	133, 171	281	285	289
495	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of John Lauson, deceased.	130	133	133, 206	281		289
496	A bill to provide for the final settlement of the accounts of John Spencer, late receiver of public moneys at Fort Wayne, Indiana.	130	133	133, 168	281	284	289
497	A bill for the relief of the estates of Benjamin Metoyer and François Gaiennie, deceased.	130	133	133, 171	281	284	289
499	A bill for the relief of the widow of Elijah Bragdon, deceased.	130	133	133			
502	A bill for the relief of Lewis C. Sartori -	215	216	221	282	285	289
503	A bill for the relief of James H. Conley	130	133	133, 141	281	285	290
504	A bill for the relief of William T. Walthall.	130	133	133, 141	281	285	290
507	A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Fitch -	130	133	133, 165	281	285	290
508	A bill for the relief of Thankful Reynolds	130	133	133, 165	281	285	289
509	A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Calkins, the widow of Silas Winans.	130	133	133, 165	281	285	290
511	A bill for the relief of Jonathan Hoyt -	130	133	133, 165	281	285	290
512	A bill for the relief of John Van Vanslyck.	130	133	133, 218	282	285	289
517	A bill for the relief of Harrison Whitson	130	133	133, 193	281	287	289
528	A bill granting a pension to Patrick Kelley.	65	65	103	201	211, 212	218
556	A bill to increase the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates of the army of the United States, and the militia and volunteers in the service of the same, and allowing them bounty land in certain cases.	138	141	141			
557	A bill for the admission of the State of Iowa into the Union.	65	65	69	69	71, 72, 88	
568	A bill establishing the territorial government of Minasota.	206	206	246, 273			
569	A bill to create an additional land district in the Territory of Wisconsin, and for other purposes.	200	200	228	269	274, 288	
571	A bill to establish the territorial government of Oregon.	110	110	110, 129, 144, 181, 270			
575	A bill for the reduction of the costs and expenses of proceedings in admiralty against ships and vessels.	158	160	291	266	279, 287	289
576	A bill to raise for a limited time an additional military force, and for other purposes.	92	92	100, 108, 106 113, 116, 121 126, 138, 141 145, 150, 156	156	166, 169, 172 177, 179, 181 182, 184, 185	
584	A bill to reorganize the district courts of the United States in the State of Alabama.	101	103				

HOUSE BILLS—Continued.

Number.	Title.	Received from the House.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
595	A bill making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1848.	121	121	121, 145, 166	169	232, 233, 237, 241, 250	257
596	A bill making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1848.	150	150	175, 196, 200, 206, 212	214	241, 242, 245, 247, 264, 268, 268	
597	A bill making appropriations for the support of the army and volunteers for the year ending June 30, 1848, and for other purposes.	224	224	232, 247	247	250, 254, 257, 266	271
599	A bill making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending June 30, 1848, and for other purposes.	172	172	193, 224, 229, 233, 234, 239	239	264, 267, 277, 279, 287	290
600	A bill authorizing the issue of treasury notes, a loan, and for other purposes.	124	124	124, 130, 131, 134, 137	137	138, 149	158
602	A bill to provide for the establishment of additional post routes in the State of Texas.	130	133	133, 155	155	161	175
603	A bill to amend and continue in force the act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington.	121	121	121, 144, 196			
604	A bill making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending 30th June, 1848.	175	175	179, 182	182	199, 201, 211, 212	218
605	A bill making appropriations for the support of the military academy for the year ending the 30th June, 1847.	164	164	168	176	232, 233, 237, 241, 242, 245, 249, 255, 256, 257, 266	271
610	A bill to authorize the constituted authorities of the city of Dubuque, in the State of Iowa, to enter certain islands between the landings of said city and the main channel of the Mississippi river.	121	121	121, 159	268	274, 288	
612	A bill further to extend the charter of the Union Bank of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia.	198	200	246	246	251, 253, 266	271
619	A bill for the relief of James Jones, of the city of Brooklyn.	121	121	125, 137	281	285	289
622	A bill making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse between the United States and foreign nations.	194	200	268			
629	A bill to carry into effect certain provisions in the treaties between the United States and China and the Ottoman Porte, giving certain judicial powers to ministers and consuls of the United States in those countries.	236	237	237, 256, 274			
635	A bill making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending the 30th June, 1848.	232	233	238	238	249, 250, 256, 257, 266	271
636	A bill authorizing the erection of certain light-houses, and for other purposes.	232	233	247	247	251, 253, 266	271
637	A bill to regulate the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels.	158	160	205	205	215 (244)	225

HOUSE BILLS—Continued.

Number.	Title.	Received from the House.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
638	A bill to establish certain post routes	225	228	248	248	251, 255, 257, 261, 264, 265, 267	271
641	An act supplemental to an act entitled "An act to provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safekeeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue, and to establish a branch mint in the city of New York."	276	276				
644	A bill authorizing a term of the United States circuit and district courts at Chicago, Illinois.	224	228	235			
645	A bill to provide for the payment of any interest falling due on the public debt.	175	175	175	175	177, 179	
646	A bill for the increase of the marine corps of the United States.	232	233	237	237	245, 251, 253, 266	271
648	A bill for the admission of Wisconsin into the Union.	198	200	218	265	268, 288	
649	A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the better organization of the department of Indian affairs, and to preserve peace on the frontiers," approved June 30, 1834, and for other purposes.	232	233	235	276	279	289
654	A bill for the relief of the citizens of Beetown, in the Territory of Wisconsin.	206	206	228	268	274, 288	
655	A bill making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions for the year ending 30th June, 1848.	232	233	242	242	267, 274, 288	
657	A bill to give the assent of Congress to the sale of salt spring lands heretofore granted to the States of Michigan, Illinois, and Arkansas.	198	200	228	284	288	289
668	A bill to regulate the mileage of members	200	200				
674	A bill concerning the licensing of yachts, and for other purposes.	224	228	236			
676	A bill to establish a port of entry at Saluria, in the State of Texas, and for other purposes.	224	228	266	266	288	
679	A bill to amend the act entitled "An act to regulate the proceedings in the circuit courts of the United States, and for other purposes," passed the 8th of August, 1846.	224	228	235			
684	A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to carry into effect in the States of Alabama and Mississippi the existing compacts with those States with regard to the five per cent. fund and the school reservations."	224	228	254	254	260, 264, 265 267	271
691	An act to amend the act entitled "An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and prevent the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the revenues of the Post Office Department," passed 2d March, 1845.	224	228	231	231	241, 250	257

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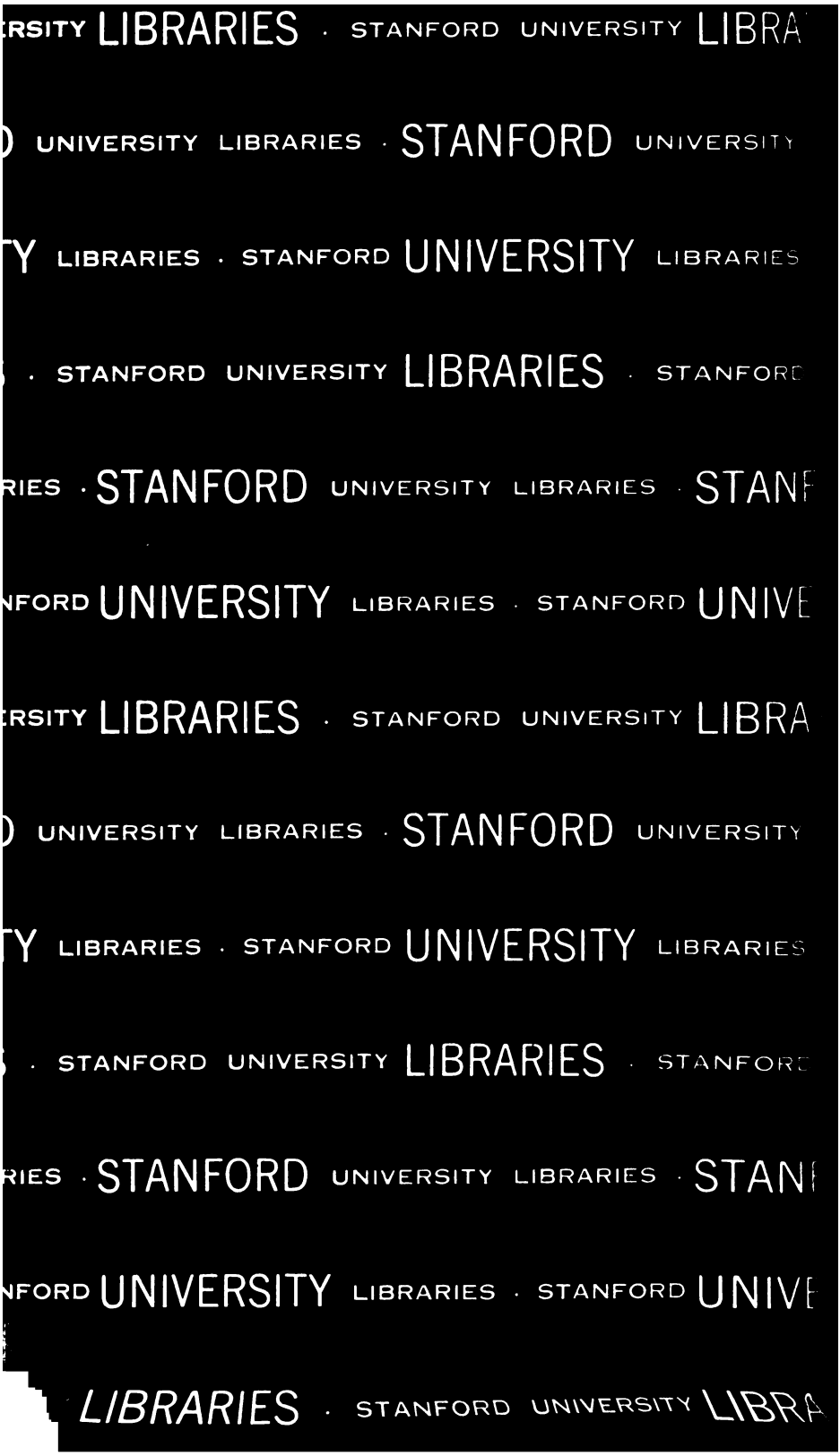
Number.	Title.	Received from the House.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
692	A bill for the relief of Mary Segar, and for the relief of Elisha Denison, administrator of Phenix Carpenter Ellis.	236	237	287	289	286	290
694	A bill authorizing a register to be issued to the brig Leveret. (248, 249)	250	251	269	281	286	289

RESOLUTIONS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Number.	Title.	Received from the House.	First reading.	Proceedings before passage.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
12	Resolution authorizing and directing the examination and settlement of the claims of Alexander M. Cumming.	61	62	83, 166	166	199, 200	212
21	Resolution for the relief of William B. Stokes, surviving partner of John Stockton & Company.	61	62	124	281	287	290
38	Resolution for the relief of the children of Stephen Johnston, deceased.	130	133	133, 145	281	287	290
40	Resolution for the settlement of the accounts of Purser G. R. Barry.	130	133	133, 141	248	251, 253, 266	271
43	Resolution for the relief of M. A. Price and E. A. White.	215	216	229	282	287	290
51	Resolution relative to clothing for volunteers.	82	82				
52	Resolution for the relief of John and Charles Bruce.	121	125	125, 184	207	215, (244)	225
53	Resolution relative to the preparation and presentation of medals to certain French, British, and Spanish officers.	138	141	175	281	286	290
55	Resolution of thanks to Major General Zachary Taylor, the officers and soldiers under his command, for their conduct in storming the city of Monterey.	150	156	159, 163	163	197, 200, 247 249, 251, 253 266	271
58	Resolution granting certain unserviceable brass cannon to the Jackson monument committee.	211	212	216, 246			
59	Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a revolutionary bounty land warrant in place of warrant No. 1828, lost or destroyed.	224	228				
61	Resolution to prohibit the sale at private entry of certain lands in Cincinnati, Ohio. (248, 249.)	250	251	266, 269, 280	280	287	290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